



Sustainability and Environmental Monitoring Plan (SEMP) FY25 Annual Report

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Introduction

This report contains the Sustainability and Environmental Monitoring Plan (SEMP) results for fiscal year 2025 (FY25; 1 October 2024 – 30 September 2025) and calendar year (CY) 2025. The SEMP is a mitigation and monitoring plan cooperatively implemented by the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) and Fort Polk and the Kisatchie National Forest (KNF). The SEMP tracks the results of environmental stewardship, mitigation, and monitoring requirements identified in US Army and US Forest Service Records of Decision for a Final Environmental Impact Statement completed in 2004. JRTC-Fort Polk uses approximately 98,000 acres of KNF land under the terms of a Special Use Permit and Operating Plan (SUP/OP). Many of the requirements tracked in the SEMP are also identified in the SUP/OP.

A Joint Mitigation and Monitoring Oversight Committee (the Oversight Committee) comprised of leaders and staff members of the JRTC-Fort Polk and KNF is responsible for implementing the SEMP. The monitoring results and other elements reported here were reviewed by the Oversight Committee at quarterly meetings held at Fort Polk, Louisiana on 20 February 2025, 15 May 2025, 14 August 2025, and 03 February 2026. The first quarter FY26 SEMP Oversight Committee meeting scheduled for 4 November 2025 was cancelled due to the federal furlough. The first quarter FY26 brief containing fourth quarter and annual FY25 results was distributed to Oversight Committee members and meeting participants along with a feedback form on 4 November 2025. No feedback was received.

This report is intended to document annual and quarterly monitoring results and decisions by the Oversight Committee and includes summary tables of SEMP objective-level results. This report also demonstrates ongoing implementation of the SEMP and helps to meet commitments by the JRTC-Fort Polk and KNF to make the results of monitoring conducted under the SEMP available to members of the public.



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SEMP Oversight Committee Purpose, Responsibilities, Members, and Points of Contact



Purpose of SEMP Oversight Committee

- Serve as joint agency organization to oversee implementation of mitigation and monitoring requirements identified in the 2004 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document and associated Records of Decision:
 - *Final Environmental Impact Statement for Transformation of 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment, Installation Mission Support, Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk, Louisiana, and Long-term Military Training Use of Kisatchie National Forest Lands*
- Established in January 2005 US Army – USDA Forest Service Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by Commanding General and Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) Supervisor
- Co-chaired by Deputy Garrison Commander (DGC) and KNF Military Liaison Officer
- Committee membership includes G3, key Garrison and KNF representatives, per MOU



SEMP Oversight Committee Responsibilities

January 2005 Army-USFS MOU, Section 4.b:

- Secure resources for mitigation and monitoring measures in Army and USFS RODs for 2004 transformation and land use FEIS
- Establish timelines and priorities for mitigation and monitoring measures
- Review and approve metrics and procedures for monitoring measures
- Maintain records of Committee meetings, actions and decisions
- Review and evaluate SEMP monitoring results on a quarterly basis to ensure proper implementation of mitigation and monitoring measures
- Classify monitoring results as Green, Amber or Red; develop quarterly summaries of SEMP monitoring results for the Environmental Quality Control Committee (EQCC)
- Investigate causes of failure to meet performance targets and refer monitoring results and recommended corrective actions to the EQCC, when appropriate
- Ensure that SEMP monitoring results are documented in an annual report and made available to the public and interest groups
- Identify additional significant aspects, impacts, objectives and targets for incorporation into the Installation's EMS, when needed



SEMP Oversight Committee Membership

- Member organizations specified in 2005 Army-USDA MOU
- Fort Polk Members:
 - DPW
 - DPW-ENRMD, CB
 - DPW-ENRMD, Forestry (formerly NRMB)
 - DPW-ENRMD, CMB
 - G3/DPTMS
 - PAIO
 - SJA
 - PAO
- KNF Members:
 - Supervisor's Office
 - Calcasieu District Office
 - Kisatchie District Office
- Add HOC Members (not listed in MOU)
 - DPW-MP
 - USACE-FW District



SEMP Objective Points of Contact List

Obj.	Short Description	Lead Office
1-1	Minimize or avoid degradation of training lands and resources thru identification and correction of maneuver damages and Soldier education.	G3 / ENRMD
1-2	Sustain training land conditions and soil productivity thru land rehabilitation and maintenance and watershed management practices.	G3 (ITAM) / ENRMD
1-3	Protect/maintain high water quality thru maintenance of stream crossing structures, roads, trails and sediment basins; and by restrictions within streams and wetlands.	DPW / ENRMD
2-1	Promote recovery of Vernon-Fort Polk RCW population through cooperative management and monitoring and Soldier education.	ENRMD / USFS
2-2	Provide high-quality habitat for the RCW and other species native to the longleaf pine landscape. Use prescribed fire and thinning to maintain/achieve DFCs.	ENRMD / USFS
2-3	Promote viability of the Louisiana pine snake through cooperative management, Soldier education, and construction project planning.	ENRMD / USFS
2-4	Protect rare plants and wetlands through identification, marking and monitoring of hillside seeps and bogs (bogs marked in LUA only).	ENRMD / USFS
3-1	Avoid/minimize impacts to environmentally sensitive resources and promote sustainability by integrating Master Planning and environmental concerns.	DPW / ENRMD
3-2	Ensure new Army facilities on KNF lands are designed and constructed to comply with CWA, CAA, ESA and NEPA through project design and construction phase monitoring.	DPW / ENRMD
4-1	Support public recreation and multiple use activities on Polk and Peason WMAs, the LUA and SLUA through public information, scheduling and Soldier education.	G3 / USFS
4-2	Protect quality of life for residents in or near the installation boundaries through noise monitoring; boundary markings, fire response and road repair/upgrades.	ENRMD / USFS
4-3	Avoid risks to public safety and conflicts with civilian activities in the LUA and SLUA.	G3 / USFS
5-1	Jointly monitor implementation and effectiveness of EIS mitigation measures.	ENRMD / USFS
5-2	Jointly evaluate and report results, and adapt management accordingly.	ENRMD / USFS







SEMP FY25 Quarterly and Annual Monitoring Results



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- One or more quantitative metrics developed for each SEMP monitoring question
- Quantitative Green, Amber, Red performance target criteria developed for most metrics:
 -  Meets performance target
 -  Partially meets performance target
 -  Does not meet performance target
- No performance targets developed for some SEMP metrics:
 -  Data / Observation only

Objective 1-1: Maneuver Damage Control



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Objective 1-1: Maneuver Damage Control Quarterly Results

Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results			
			1st Qtr. FY25	2nd Qtr. FY25	3rd Qtr. FY25	4th Qtr. FY25
1-1.1	Percent of training exercises for which maneuver damage inspections were accomplished; and percent of training exercises for which adequate time was allocated on the training calendar for maneuver damage inspections.	Quarterly	Green (1 / 1 =100%)	Green (0 rotations reached ENDEX during quarter, general inspections were completed in January 2025)	Green (4 / 4 =100%)	Green (2 / 2 =100%)
1-1.2A	Percent of repairs/corrective actions completed within 30 days from the date that damages were identified; and percent of required repairs for which adequate time was allocated on the training calendar.)	Quarterly	Green (345 / 444) = 78%; 82% of ITAM repairs and 52% of DPW Contractor repairs complete in ≤ 30 d	Green (12 / 16) = 75%; 100% of ITAM repairs, 70% of DPW Contractor repairs, and 67% of MD Rep repairs completed in ≤ 30 d	Green (426 / 478) = 89%; 96% of ITAM repairs and 72% of DPW Contractor repairs completed in ≤ 30 d	Green (387 / 404) = 96%; 99% of ITAM repairs, 100% of DPW repairs, and 79% of DPW Contractor repairs completed in ≤ 30 d
1-1.2B	Completion of biannual seeding and fertilization within Geronimo Drop Zone by 31 July and 30 November.	Biannual	Green: Geronimo DZ was assessed to determine need for warm and cool season seeding application; no seeding was needed because there wasn't any recent digging within the DZ	Report in November	Report in November	Green: (Geronimo DZ was assessed to determine need for warm and cool season seeding application; no seeding was needed because there wasn't any recent digging within the DZ)

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Objective 1-1: Maneuver Damage Control Annual Results

Task 1-2.2: FY25 Maneuver Damage Corrective Action Status – ITAM

Corrective Action	No. To Be Performed (< 30 Days Old)	No. Pending Year's End < 30 days Old	No. To Be Performed – No. Pending < 30 days	No. Completed in ≤ 30 Days	% Completed in ≤ 30 Days
Earthwork	355	37	318	309	97%
Seed	12	1	11	2	18%
Fertilize ¹	12	1	11	2	18%
Other	7	2	5	5	100%
Reshape	755	54	701	666	95%
FY25 TOTAL	1,129	94	1,035	982	95%
FY24 TOTAL ²	834	89	745	708	95%

¹Fertilize excluded from totals b/c rarely recommended in absence of Seed; ²FY24 results are presented for comparison.

SEMP Task 1-1.2 Performance Target Criteria

Green: >75% of corrective actions are completed in 30 days or less.

Amber: 50% - 75% of corrective actions are completed in 30 days or less.

Red: < 50% of corrective actions are completed in 30 days or less.



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Objective 1-1: Maneuver Damage Control Annual Results

Task 1-2.2: FY25 Maneuver Damage Corrective Action Status – DPW Contractor

Corrective Action	No. To Be Performed (< 30 Days Old)	No. Pending Year's End < 30 days Old	No. To Be Performed – No. Pending < 30 days	No. Completed in ≤ 30 Days	% Completed in ≤ 30 Days
Earthwork	6	1	5	0	0%
Seed	0	0	0	0	NA
Fertilize ¹	0	0	0	0	NA
Other	7	0	7	4	57%
Reshape	295	4	291	200	69%
FY25 TOTAL	308	5	303	204	67%
FY24 TOTAL ²	276	22	254	233	92%

¹Fertilize excluded from totals b/c rarely recommended in absence of Seed; ²FY24 results are presented for comparison.

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Objective 1-1: Maneuver Damage Control Quarterly Results

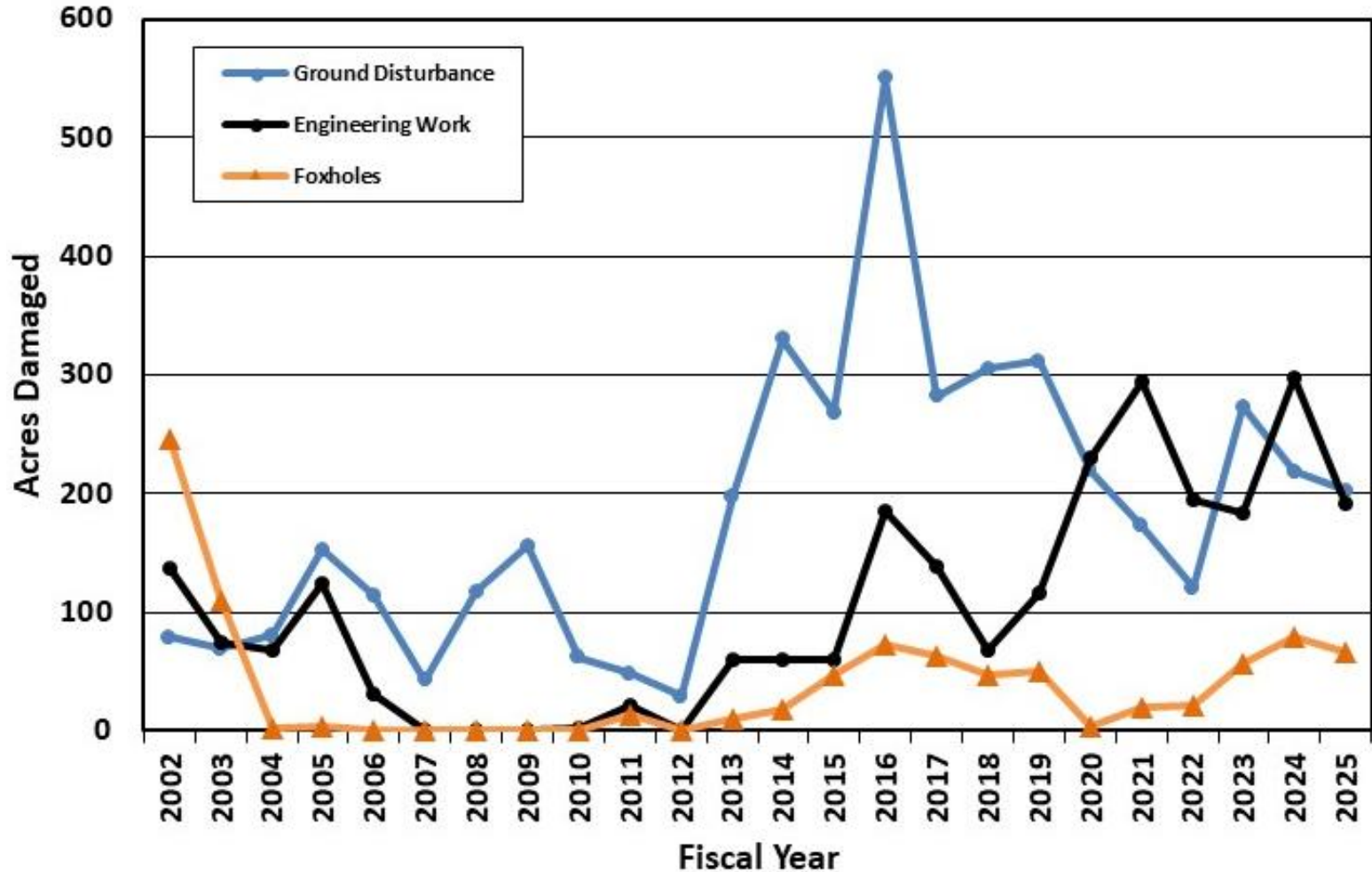
Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results			
			1st Qtr. FY25	2nd Qtr. FY25	3rd Qtr. FY25	4th Qtr. FY25
1-1.4	Trends for frequency, type and severity of maneuver damages.	Quarterly	See trend (n=327)	See trend (n=14)	See trend (n=587)	See trend (n =260)
1-1.5	Percent of corrective actions that were determined to be effective based on site re-inspections.	Quarterly	Green (357 / 357 = 100%)	Green (15 / 15 = 100%)	Green (465 / 465 = 100%)	Green (393 / 393 = 100%)
1-1.6	Trends for violations of range regulations/permit conditions for environmental protection.	Quarterly	See trend (n=0)	See trend (n=0)	See trend (n=0)	See trend (n=0)



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Objective 1-1: Maneuver Damage Control Annual Results

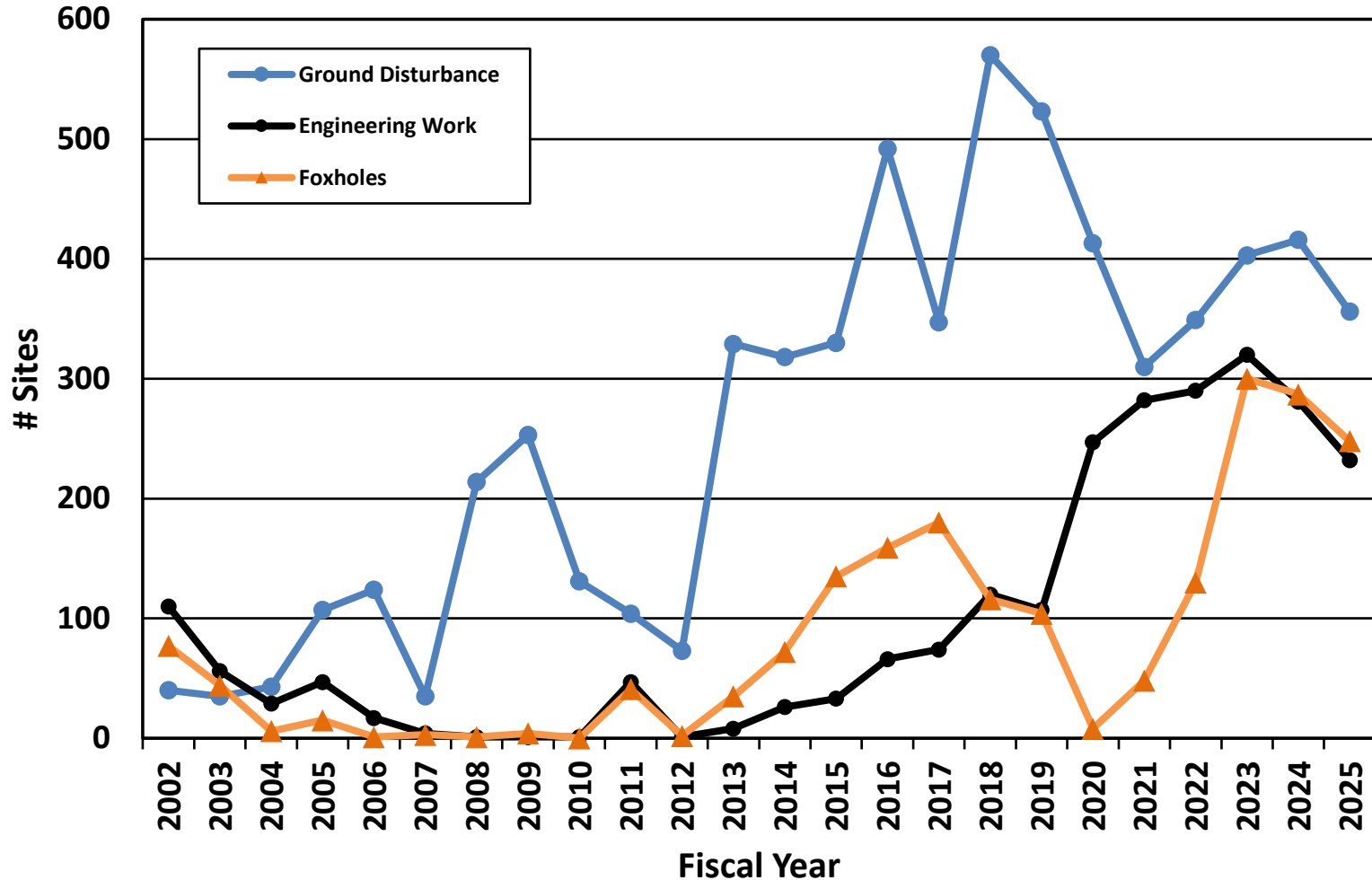
Task 1-1.4: Acres Damaged by Selected Damage Type (Thru FY25)



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Objective 1-1: Maneuver Damage Control Annual Results

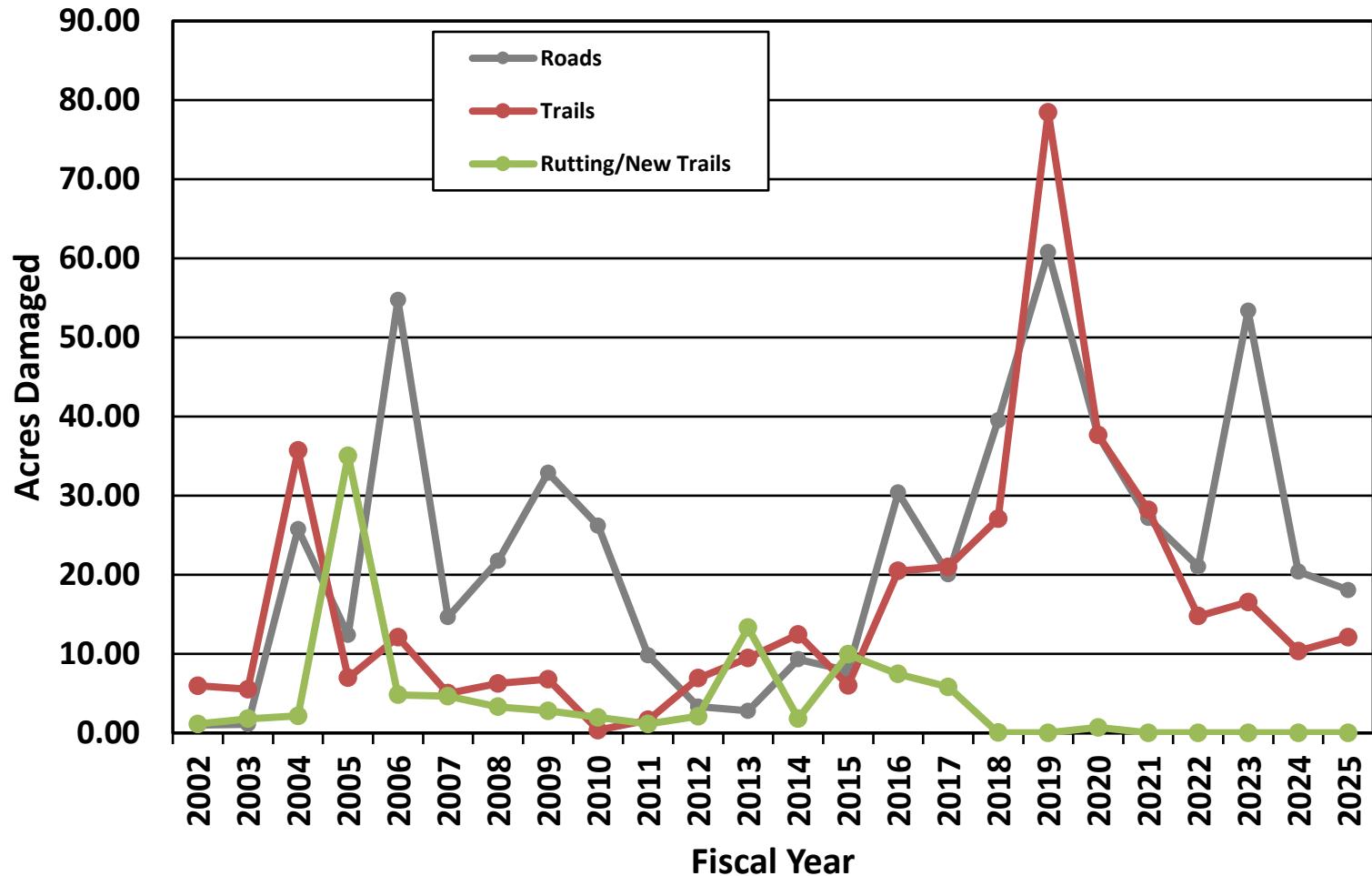
Task 1-1.4: #Sites Damaged by Selected Damage Type (Thru FY25)



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Objective 1-1: Maneuver Damage Control Annual Results

Task 1-1.4: Travel-way Acres Damaged by Type (Thru FY25)



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Objective 1-1: Maneuver Damage Control Annual Results

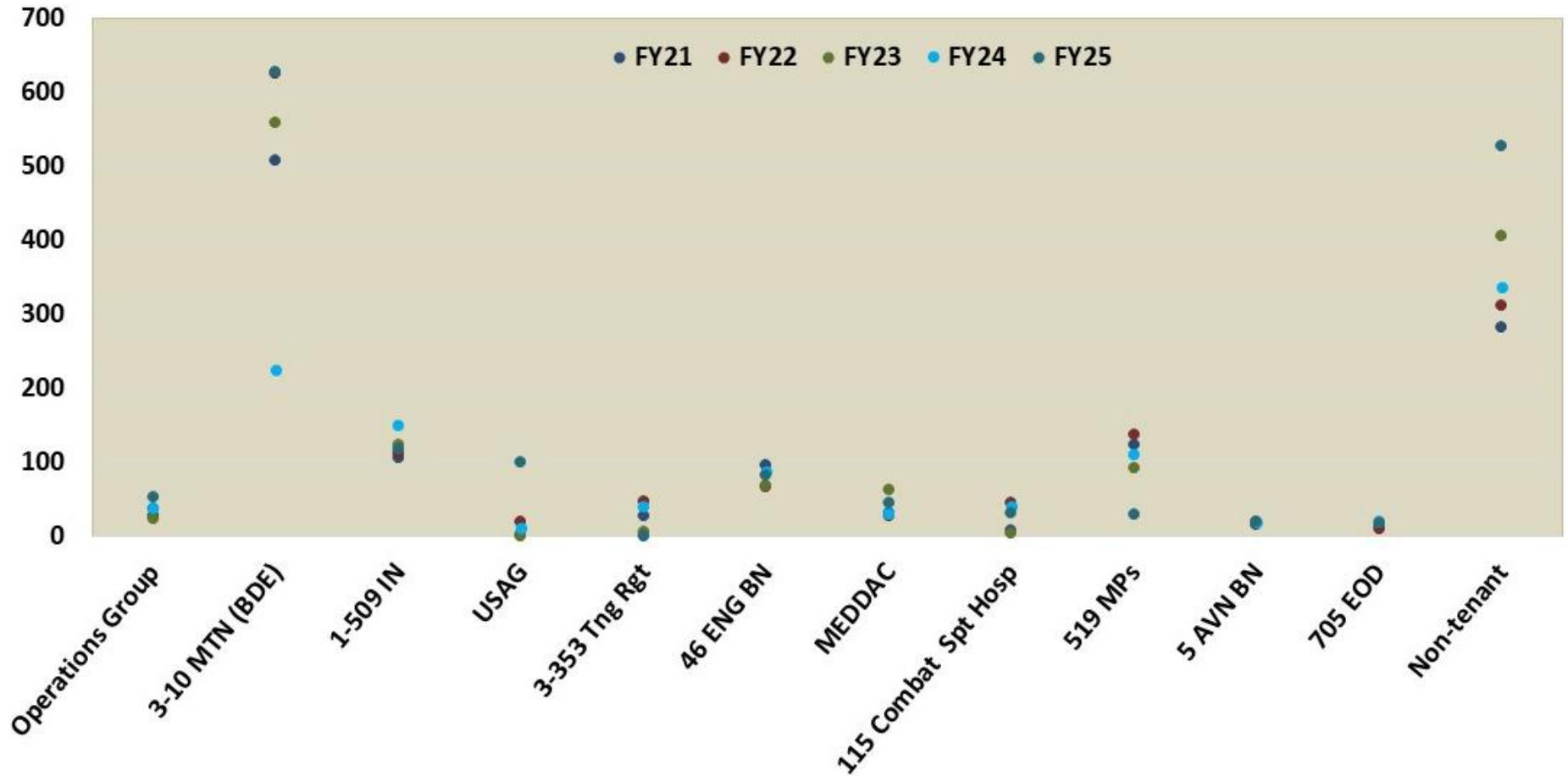
Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results
			FY25
1-1.3	Revised metric (approved 24 April 14): Number of OCTs and Soldiers for each MSC receiving certification.	Annually	See trend (1,123 HSU and 526 non-tenant Soldiers received in-person SRA training and/or SRAT certification in FY25; All Soldiers receiving OIC/RSO training concurrently received in-person SRA training)
1-1.7	Number of new Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance (LRAM) and/or DPW Work Request/4283 erosion control projects identified annually. (Approved April 2015.)	Annually	Green (1 LRAM erosion control project identified in FY25)
1-1.8	Number of new historic damage sites identified annually.	Annually	Green (0 historic damage sites)



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Objective 1-1: Maneuver Damage Control Annual Results

Task 1-1.3: Sustainable Ranger Awareness Training Certification (FY21 – FY25)



Objective 1-2: Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance



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Objective 1-2: Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance Annual Results

Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results
			FY25
1-2.1	Percent of disturbed/degraded acres funded for land rehabilitation and maintenance (LRAM), based on requirements identified in Integrated Training Area Management (ITAM) Annual Work Plan.	Annual	Green (10.7 acres planned for repair and 10.7 acres funded for repair)
1-2.2	Percent of funded LRAM project acres that are completed during the fiscal year.	Annual	Green (10.7 acres funded for repair and 10.7 acres completed)
1-2.3	Percent of sub-watersheds for which current watershed management plans are in place. (Note: The term "current" denotes that an annual review has been conducted and the management plan has been updated or carried forward as appropriate.)	Annual	Green (Watershed management plans reviewed and remain current)
1-2.4	Annual prioritized list of LRAM projects cross-referenced to subwatershed. (Prioritization of LRAM projects will include consideration of both site-specific factors such as safety, training use, and biological impacts; and the overall sub-watershed current to undisturbed (C:U) erosion rates, or other watershed condition factor. See tasks 1-2.6, 1-2.7 and 1-2.8.)	Annual	Green (Project prioritization completed)
1-2.5	Percent of LRAM projects that meet minimum project level objectives.	Annual	Green (1/1 = 100% of projects were assessed for effectiveness and achieved the objective for percent cover)



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Objective 1-2: Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance Annual Results

Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results
			FY25
1-2.6	Ratio of estimated current to undisturbed soil loss rate (tons/acre/year) across Fort Polk training lands (Main Post/Vernon Unit, Fort Polk-North).	Annual	Red (Metric was not estimated, but is likely to be eliminated because current land management and maneuver damage repair programs quickly identify significant erosion threats and correct them)
1-2.7	Multi-year change in total acres of bare or sparsely vegetated areas.	Annual	Red (Metric was not estimated, but is likely to be eliminated because current land management and maneuver damage repair programs quickly identify significant erosion threats and correct them)
1-2.8	Multi-year change in estimated soil loss rate (tons/acre/year) across Fort Polk training lands (Main Post/Vernon Unit, Fort Polk-North).	Annual	Red (Metric was not estimated, but is likely to be eliminated because current land management and maneuver damage repair programs quickly identify significant erosion threats and correct them)



Objective 1-3: Water Resource Protection / Stream Crossing and Sediment Basin Maintenance



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Objective 1-3: Water Resource Protection / Stream Crossing and Sediment Basin Maintenance Annual / Semi-annual Results

Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results	
			3rd Qtr. FY25	4th Qtr. FY25
1-3.1A	Percent of required stream/wetland crossing maintenance activities completed on time. (For purposes of this monitoring task, stream/wetland crossing maintenance activities include tasks that are routine in nature and can be completed under a Demand Maintenance Order [DMO]).	August	Green: 2 / 2 = 100% of stream crossing maintenance activities completed by DPW contractor within 90 days; 182 crossings inspected	Report in August
1-3.1B	Percent of major repair/new construction projects for stream and wetland crossing structures that were funded during the fiscal year, based on annual project list.	November	Report in November	Green: 1 / 1 (Zion Hills #24) = 100% of major repairs for stream crossings funded in FY25
1-3.2A	Percent of required sediment basin maintenance activities completed on time. (For purposes of this monitoring task, sediment basin maintenance activities include tasks that are routine in nature and can be completed under a DMO.)	August and November	Green: 4 / 4 = 100% of sediment basin maintenance requests completed w/in 90 days; - DMPBAC-7 Erosion around riser; - DMPBAC-11 Remove vegetation; - DMPBAC-20 Remove vegetation; - DMPBAC-37 Remove storm debris;; 57 basins inspected	Green: 1 / 1 = 100% of sediment basin maintenance requests completed w/in 90 days; - DMPBAC-22 Repair riser; 141 basins inspected
1-3.2B	Percent of major repair/new construction projects for sediment basins that were funded during the fiscal year, based on annual project list.	November	Report in November	Green: 1 / 1 major repairs to sediment basin Geronimo Drop Zone (GDZ)-E03 funded in FY25

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Objective 1-3: Water Resource Protection / Stream Crossing and Sediment Basin Maintenance Annual / Semi-annual Results

Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results	
			2nd Qtr. FY25	3rd Qtr. FY25
1-3.3	Annual review and update of approved stream/wetland crossing location map(s) for use by JRTC rotational units (RTU) and home station units (HSU).	August	Report in August	Green: Stream/wetland crossing map was jointly reviewed and updated
1-3.4A	Number of stream/wetland crossings that show erosion at the approach(es), based on annual inspection.	May	One (1) of 182 stream crossings showed erosion at the approaches	Report in May
1-3.4B	Number of stream/wetland crossings that show restricted flow, based on annual inspection.	May	Two (2) of 182 stream crossings showed restricted flow	Report in May
1-3.4C	Number of stream/wetland crossings that require recurring maintenance ("recurring offenders") to correct either erosion problems at the approach(es) or flow restrictions, based on the results of an annual inspection and an unscheduled inspection event within the same fiscal year, or the results of two consecutive annual inspection events.	May	Green: 1 of 182 stream crossings required recurring maintenance	Report in May



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Objective 1-3: Water Resource Protection / Stream Crossing and Sediment Basin Maintenance Annual / Semi-annual Results

Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results	
			2nd Qtr. FY25	3rd Qtr. FY25
1-3.5A	Percent of sediment basins that are at or near sediment capacity, based on annual or semi-annual inspection. (Note: the sediment basins that are at or near capacity will be defined as those with a 9 or 10 rating on the "sediment contained" item on the ENRMD sediment basin impacts evaluation matrix).	May and August	Green: None of 57 sediment basins were at or near capacity	Green: None of 142 of sediment basins were at or near capacity
1-3.5B	Percent of sediment basins with a failed dam, or a dam at high risk of failure, based on annual or semi-annual inspection. (Note: the sediment basins with a failed dam or dam at high risk of failure will be defined as those with a 9 or 10 rating on the "dam or riser stability" item on the sediment basin impacts evaluation matrix).	May and August	Green: None of 57 sediment basins had a failed dam or dam at high risk of failure	Green: None of 141 sediment basins had a failed dam or dam at high risk of failure
1-3.6	Trends for violation of Special Use Permit/Operating Plan and Range Safety SOP restrictions on crossing of streams and wetlands by military vehicles.	May	Green: No reported military vehicle crossings at unapproved locations.	Report in May



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Objective 1-3: Water Resource Protection / Stream Crossing and Sediment Basin Maintenance Annual Results

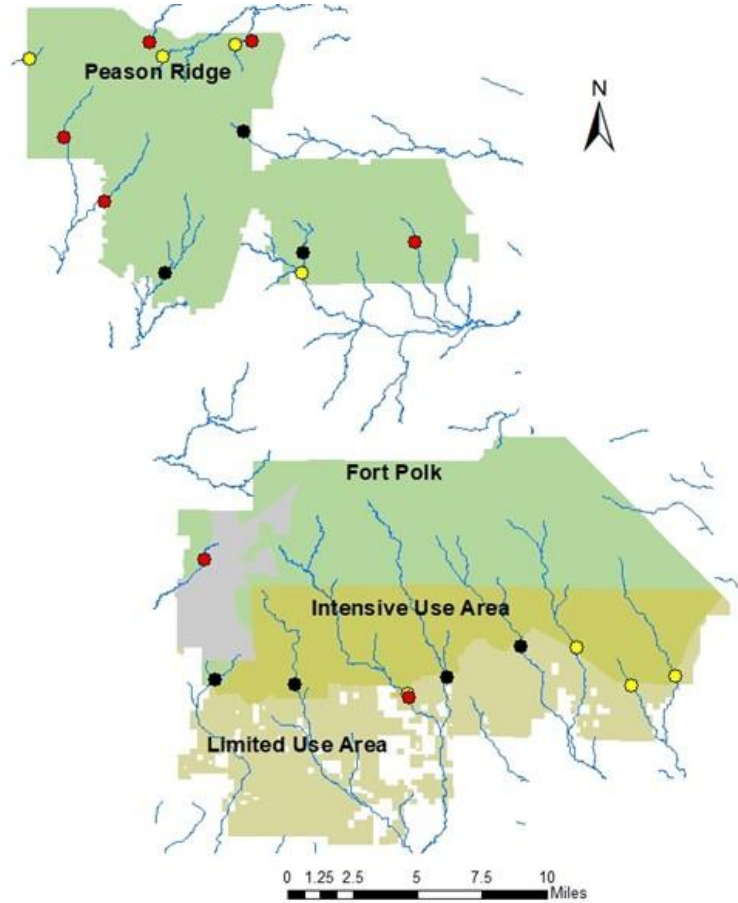
Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results
			FY25
1-3.7	Change over time of water quality scores for selected streams originating on Installation training lands as measured by the following indices: fish community surveys (Index of Biotic Integrity - IBI), benthic macro-invertebrate surveys (B-IBI), and physical habitat surveys (Habitat Quality Index - HQI) as described by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).	Annual	See Trend



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Objective 1-3: Water Resource Protection / Stream Crossing and Sediment Basin Maintenance Annual Results

Task 1-3.7: Water Quality and Aquatic Ecosystem Health – Sample Locations



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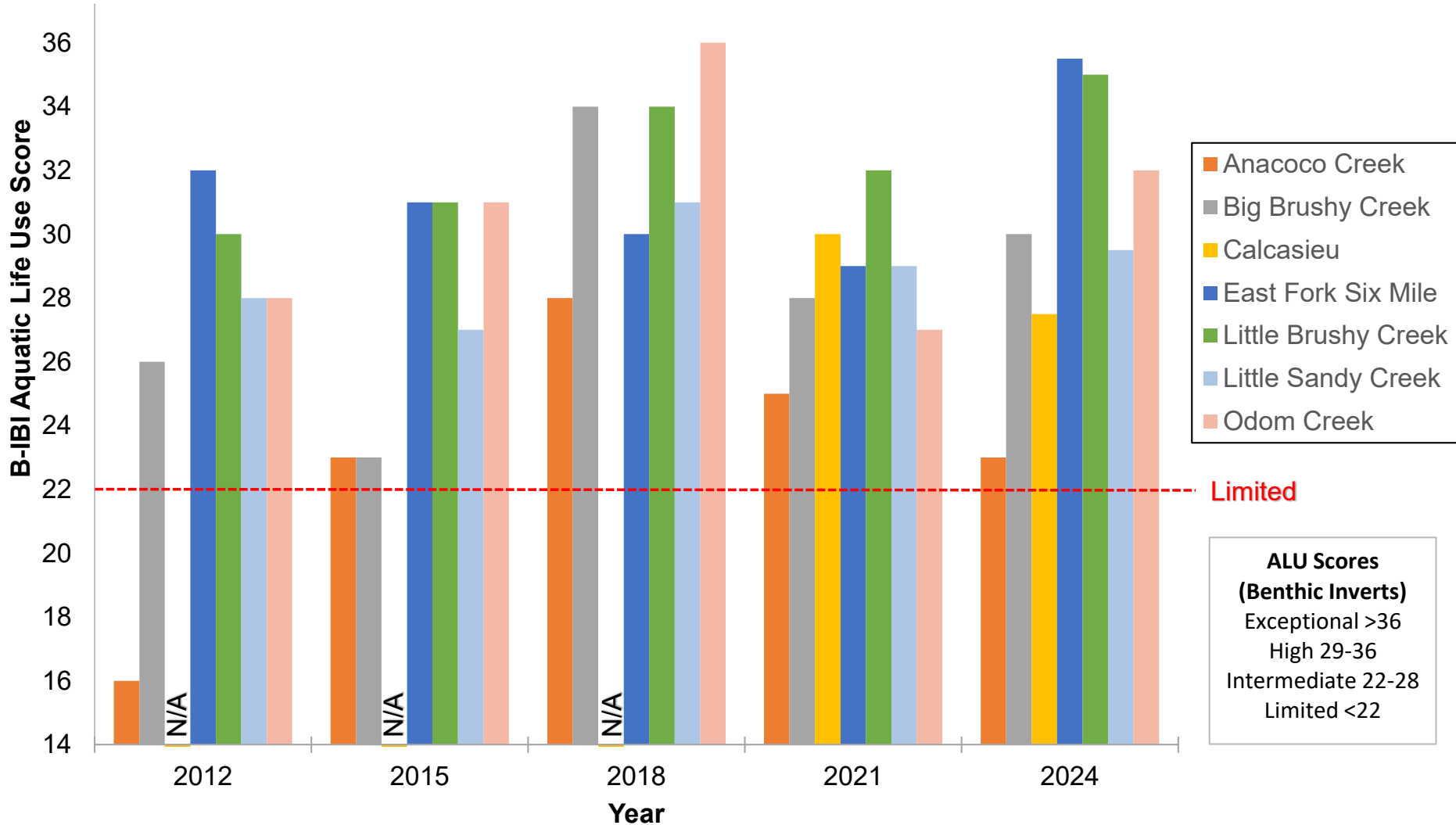
- Sample Rotation Yr 1 (2020)
- Sample Rotation Yr 2 (2021)
- Sample Rotation Yr 3 (2022)
- Streams



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Objective 1-3: Water Resource Protection / Stream Crossing and Sediment Basin Maintenance Annual Results

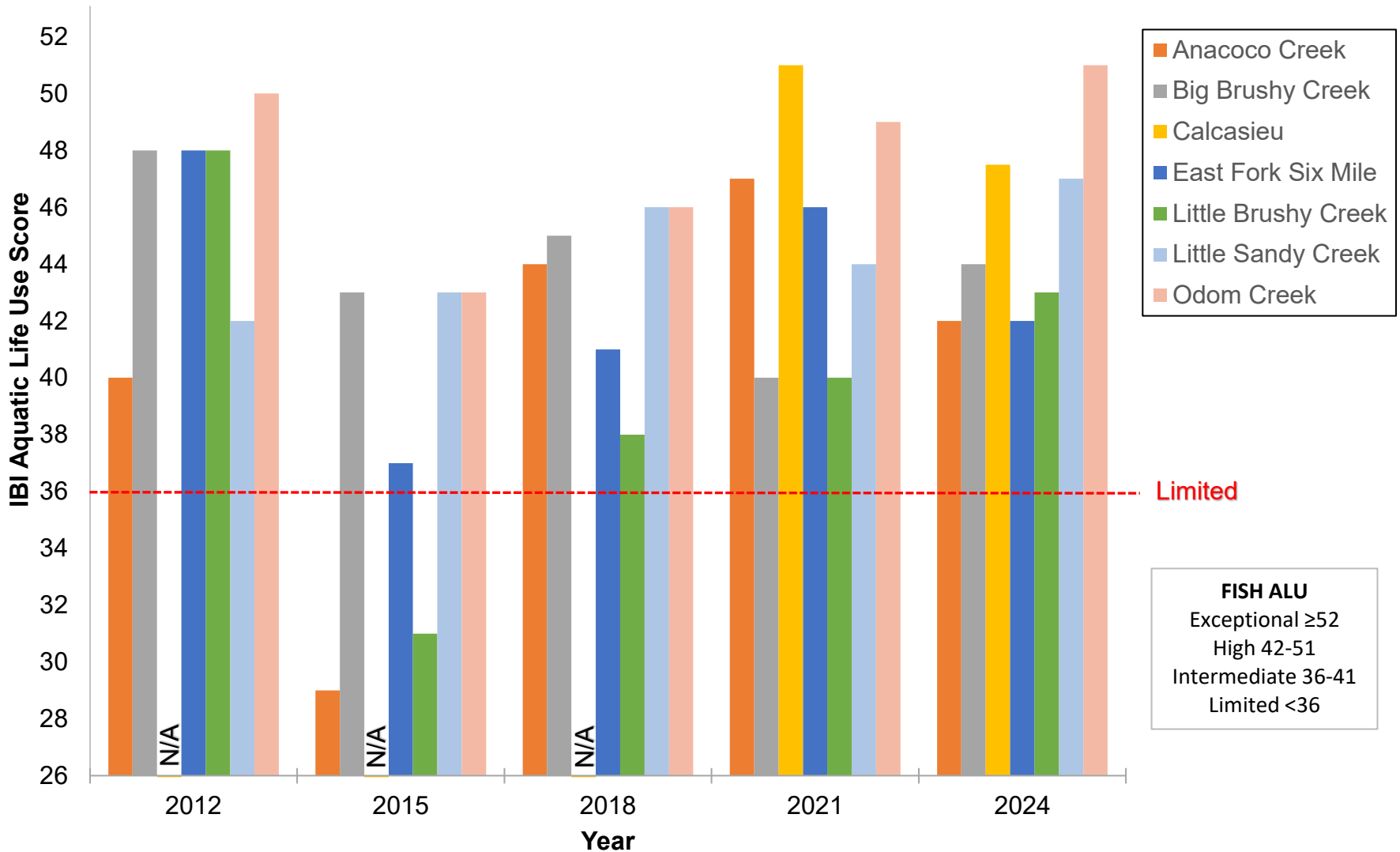
Task 1-3.7: Water Quality and Aquatic Ecosystem Health – B-IBI (2012-24, Rotation Yr. 2)



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Objective 1-3: Water Resource Protection / Stream Crossing and Sediment Basin Maintenance Annual Results

Task 1-3.7: Water Quality and Aquatic Ecosystem Health – IBI (2012-24, Rotation Yr. 2)



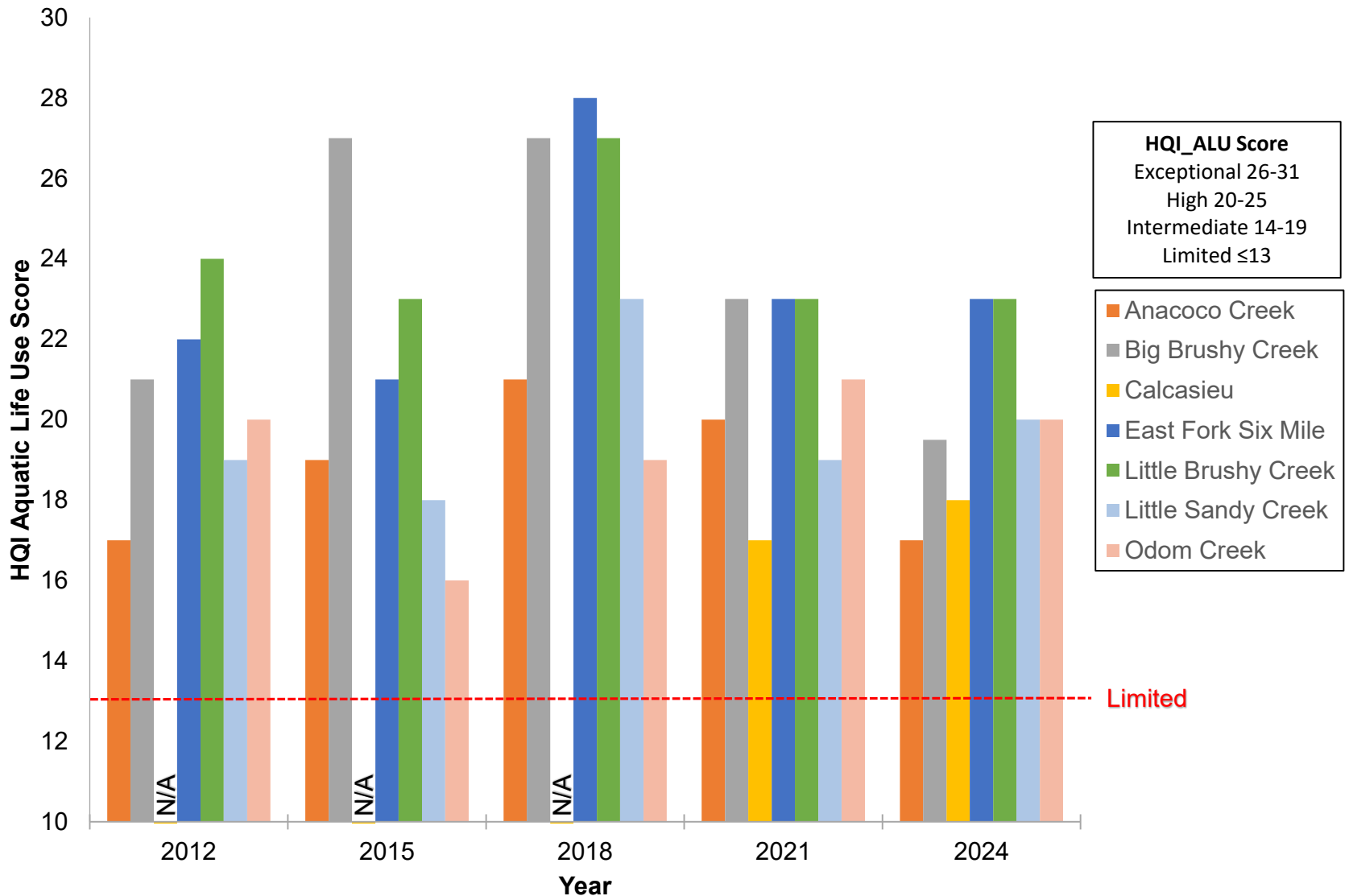
FISH ALU
 Exceptional ≥52
 High 42-51
 Intermediate 36-41
 Limited <36



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Objective 1-3: Water Resource Protection / Stream Crossing and Sediment Basin Maintenance Annual Results

Task 1-3.7: Water Quality and Aquatic Ecosystem Health – HQI (2012-24, Rotation Yr. 2)



Objective 2-1: Red-cockaded Woodpecker Population Recovery



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Objective 2-1: RCW Population Recovery Annual Results

Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results
			FY25
2-1.1	Percentage of critical JMP activities completed within prescribed time frames.	Annual	Green (100%)
2-1.2	Revised metric (approved 24 April 14): Number of OCTs and Soldiers for each MSC receiving certification.	Annual	See trend (1,123 HSU and 526 non-tenant Soldiers received in-person SRA training and/or SRAT certification in FY25; all Soldiers receiving OIC/RSO training concurrently received in-person SRA training)
2-1.3	Percent of RCW clusters requiring painting, signing and/or fuel removal that received those maintenance activities on Fort Polk and KNF lands utilized by the Army for training.	Annual	Green (163 / 163 = 99.5%)
2-1.4	Trends for violation of range regulations for protection of the RCW.	Annual	See trend (n = 3)
2-1.6	Change in number of groups within the Vernon-Fort Polk RCW population.	Annual	Green (2024 change = +6% 1-yr; 5-yr = +28%; 2025 change = +6% 1-yr; 5-yr = +34%; population-level increases observed during 2024-25)



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Objective 2-1: RCW Population Recovery Annual Results

SEMP Task 2-1.3: Selected FY25 RCW Cluster Maintenance Accomplishments

Management Action	Fort Polk			Fort Polk-North			Vernon Unit			Total		
	#Available ^a	#Completed ^b	%Completed	#Available	#Completed	%Completed	#Available	#Completed	%Completed	#Available	#Completed	%Completed
Buffer - Establish	6	6	100%	2	2	100%	1	1	100%	9	9	100%
Buffer - Sign	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	0	NA
Remove Excess Fuel Around Trees	36	36	100%	24	24	100%	95	95	100%	155	155	100%
Total	42	42	100%	26	26	100%	96	96	100%	164	164	100%

Notes: ^a Number of clusters for which the management action was recommended; ^b Number of clusters where the recommended management action was completed.

GREEN: Maintenance was accomplished for greater than or equal to 90 percent of clusters that required maintenance on Army and Forest Service land (IUA and LUA).

AMBER: Maintenance was accomplished for 70-89 percent of clusters that required maintenance on Army and Forest Service land (IUA and LUA).

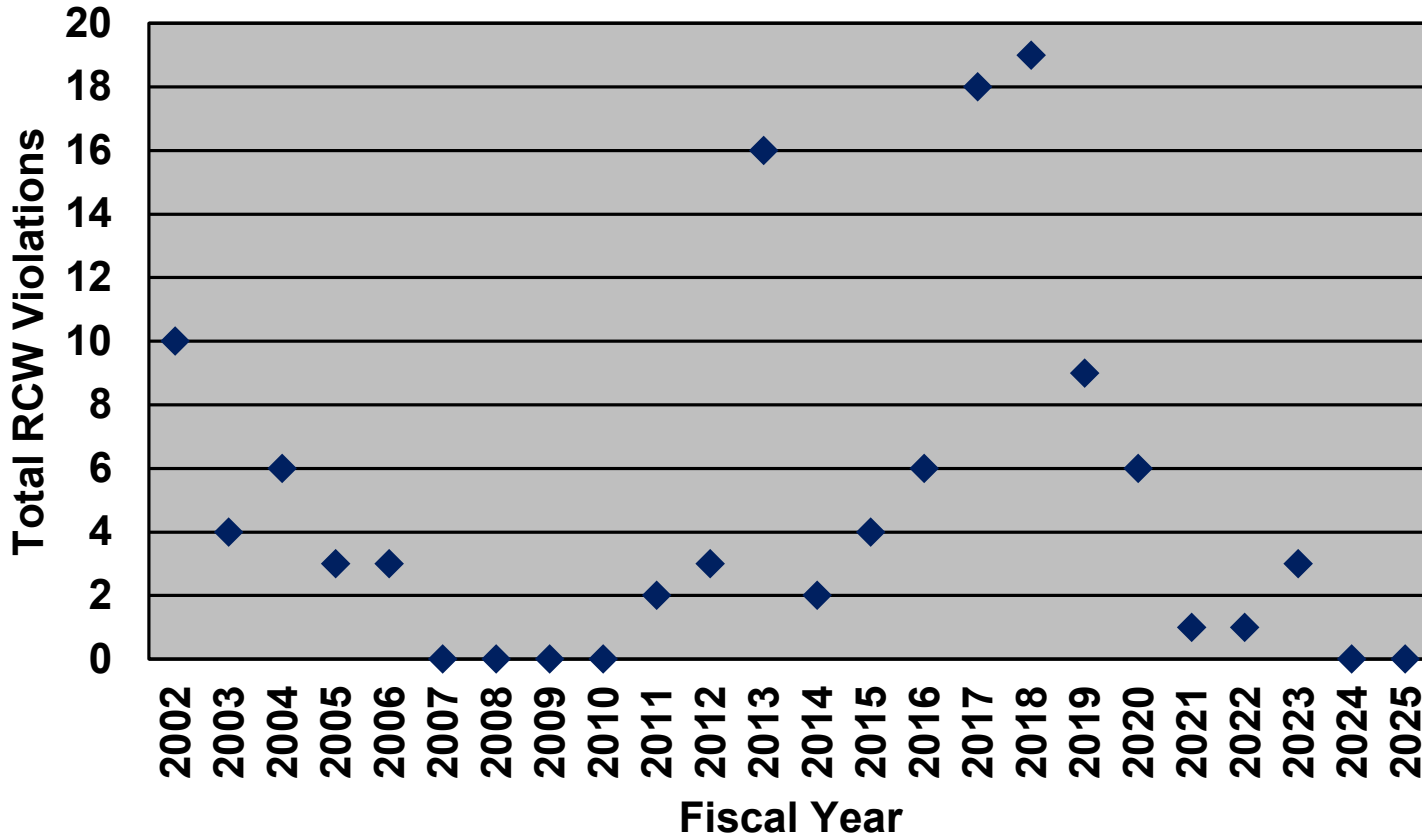
RED: Maintenance was accomplished for <70 percent of clusters that required maintenance on Army and Forest Service land (IUA and LUA).



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Objective 1-1: Maneuver Damage Control Annual Results

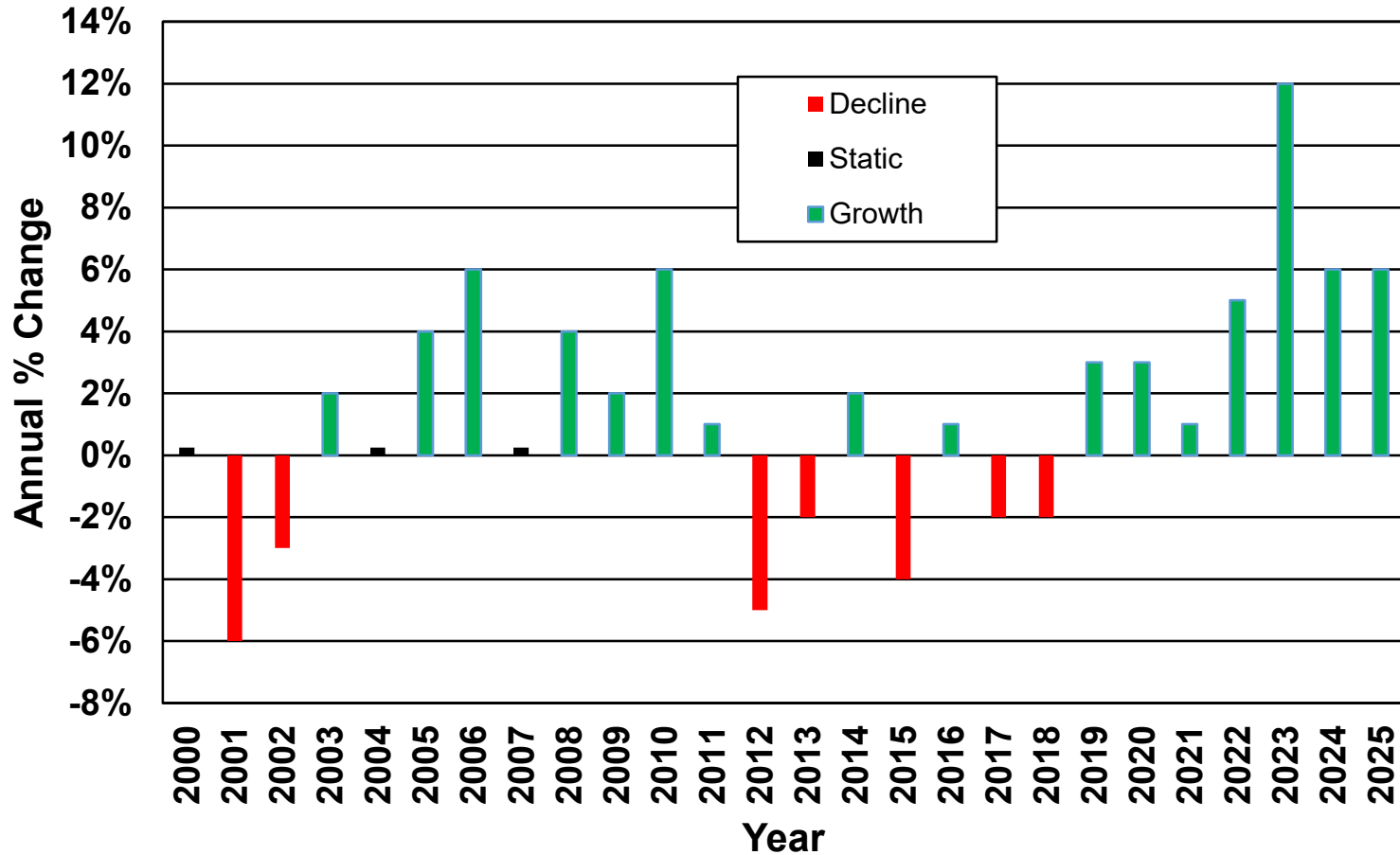
Task 2-1.4: Red-Cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) Cluster Violations, FY2002 – 2025



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Objective 2-1: RCW Population Recovery Annual Results

Task 2-1.6: Annual Change (%) in Number of Groups in the Vernon-Fort Polk RCW Population as a Whole, 2000–2025



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Objective 2-1: RCW Population Recovery Annual Results

Task 2-1.6: Annual (2025) and Multi-year (2021–2025) Change (λ) in Number of Groups in the Vernon-Fort Polk RCW Population by Administrative Unit and as a Whole

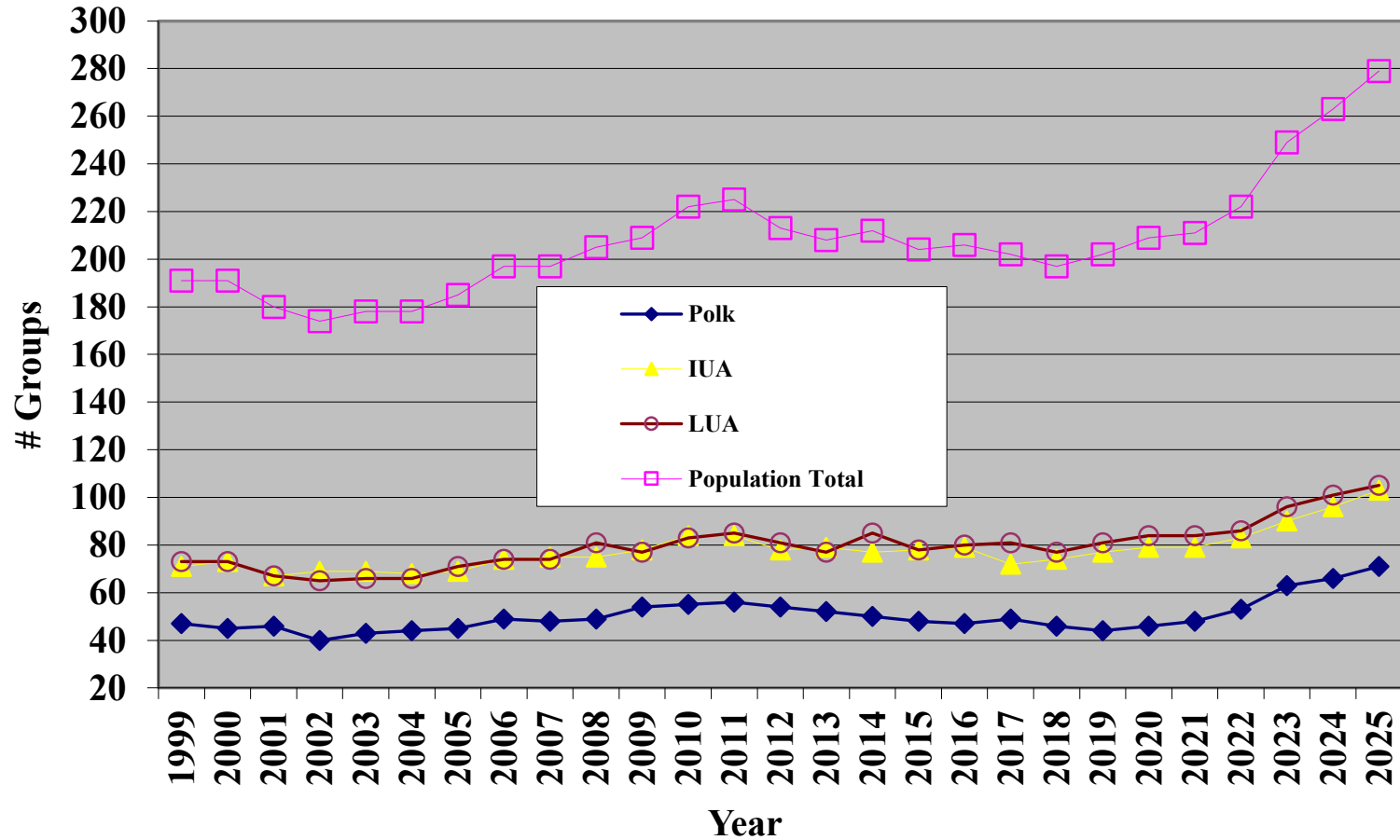
Admin. Unit	Annual Group λ	Multiyear λ (90% CI)
Fort Polk	1.08	1.49 (1.33, 1.67)
IUA	1.07	1.31 (1.28, 1.34)
LUA	1.04	1.27 (1.19, 1.36)
Vernon	1.06	1.29 (1.24, 1.35)
Vernon-Fort Polk	1.06	1.34 (1.27, 1.41)



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Objective 2-1: RCW Population Recovery Annual Results

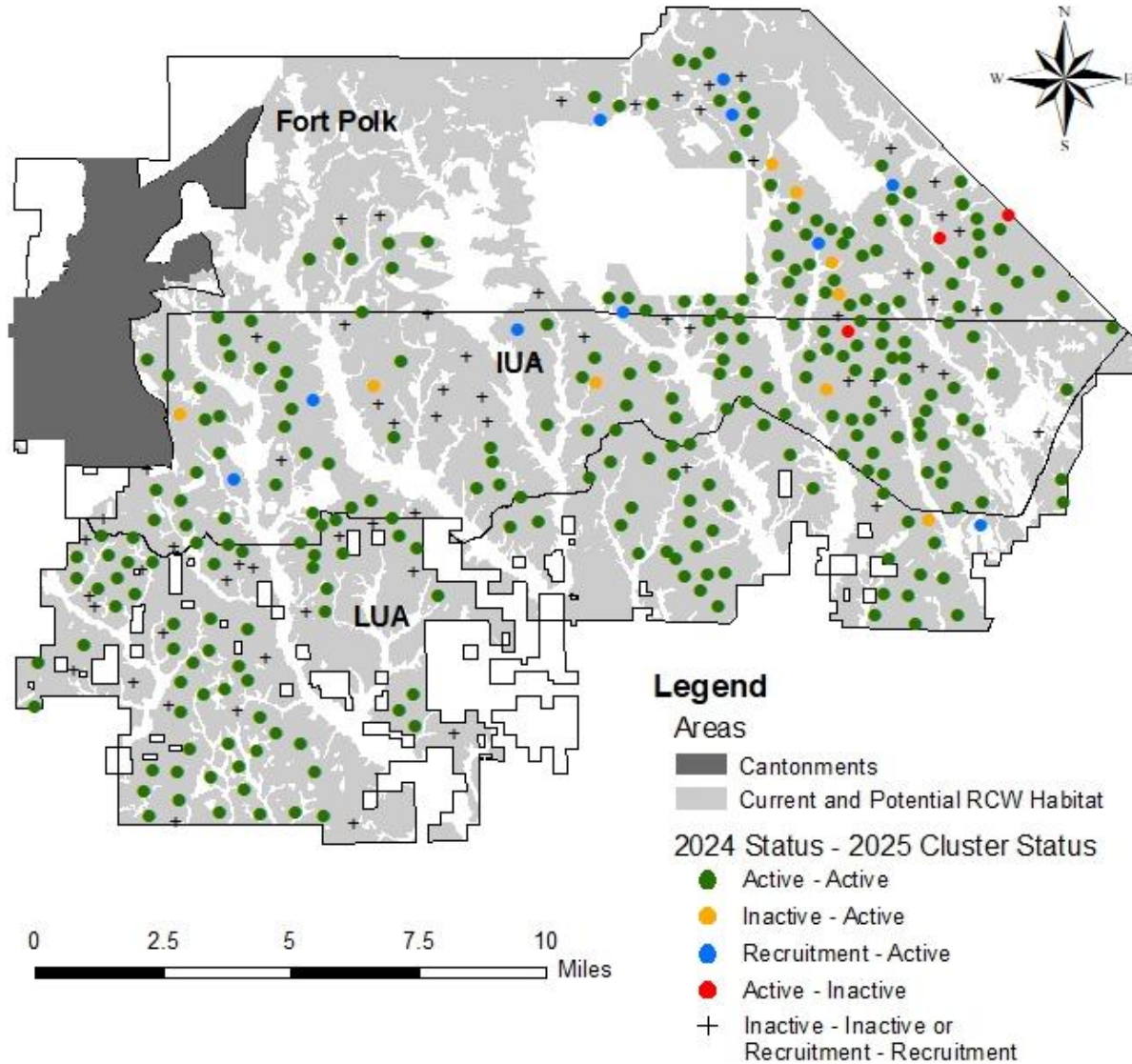
Task 2-1.6: Number of Groups in the Vernon-Fort Polk
RCW Population by Administrative Unit and as a Whole, 1999–2025



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Objective 2-1: RCW Population Recovery Annual Results

Task 2-1.6: Vernon-Fort Polk RCW Cluster Activity Status Transitions (from 2024 to 2025)



Objective 2-2: Longleaf Pine Forest Management



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Objective 2-2: Longleaf Pine Forest Management Annual Results

Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results
			FY25
2-2.1	Percent of potential Red-cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) habitat acres (pine and pine-hardwood stands) for Fort Polk, Fort Polk-North, Intensive Use Area (IUA) and Limited Use Area (LUA) that have been cruised for stand inventory within the 10-year entry cycle.	Annual	Red (Army totals = 71% in 10 years and 98% in 15 years; USFS totals = 15% in 10 years and 25% in 15 years; Overall totals = 42% in 10 years and 60% in 15 years)
2-2.2A	Percent of pine and pine-hardwood forest acres that have received prescribed fire treatment within the 3-year target burning cycle.	Annual	Red (Army totals = 66% in 3 years and 87% in 5 years; USFS totals = 62% in 3 years and 79% in 5 years; Overall totals = 64% in 3 years and 83% in 5 years)
2-2.2B	Percent of planned prescribed burning accomplished within RCW HMU (total area planned/total area burned based on burning plan map published 1 October).	Annual	Amber (Army total = 72% of planned FY25 RCW HMU burning completed; USFS total = 39% of planned FY25 RCW HMU burning completed; Overall total = 53% of planned FY25 RCW HMU burning completed)
2-2.3	Metric eliminated July 2016.	N/A	N/A
2-2.4	Percent of potential RCW habitat required to support the Vernon-Fort Polk and Fort Polk-North RCW populations at recovery that is currently available.	Annual	Green (Estimated percent of required RCW habitat available is 113% for Vernon-Fort Polk population and 105% for Fort Polk-North based on population targets and habitat guidelines; 1 acre of current or potential RCW habitat was removed within the RCW HMU in FY25 on Fort Polk, while none was removed on Fort Polk-North or the Vernon Unit)



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Objective 2-2: Longleaf Pine Forest Management Annual Results

Task 2-2.1: Forest Inventory Status – FY25 Annual Results

Management Area	Total Compartment Acres	Years Since Inventory	Compartment Inventory	
			Acres Inventoried	Percent of Total Acres
IUA	39,649	<=10	0	0%
		<=15	6,834	17%
LUA	45,917	<=10	12,457	27%
		<=15	14,847	32%
Vernon Total	85,566	<=10	12,457	15%
		<=15	21,681	25%
Fort Polk	52,417	<=10	40,353	77%
		<=15	52,417	100%
Fort Polk-North	26,394	<=10	15,781	60%
		<=15	24,816	94%
Army Total	78,811	<=10	56,134	71%
		<=15	77,233	98%
Grand Total	164,377	<=10	68,591	42%
		<=15	98,914	60%

Green: Inventories for pine and pine-hardwood stands have been completed for $\geq 90\%$ of the stand area in ≤ 10 years; and 100% of area in ≤ 15 years

Amber: Inventories for pine and pine-hardwood stands have been completed for $< 90\%$ of the stand area in ≤ 10 years or $< 100\%$ of the area in ≤ 15 years; and inventories have been completed for $\geq 80\%$ of the area in ≤ 10 years and $\geq 95\%$ of the area in ≤ 15 years

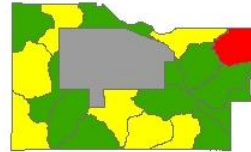
Red: Inventories for pine and pine-hardwood stands have been completed for $< 80\%$ of the stand area in ≤ 10 years; or $< 95\%$ of the area in ≤ 15 years



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Objective 2-2: Longleaf Pine Forest Management Annual Results






Task 2-2.1: Forest Inventory Status – FY24 and FY25

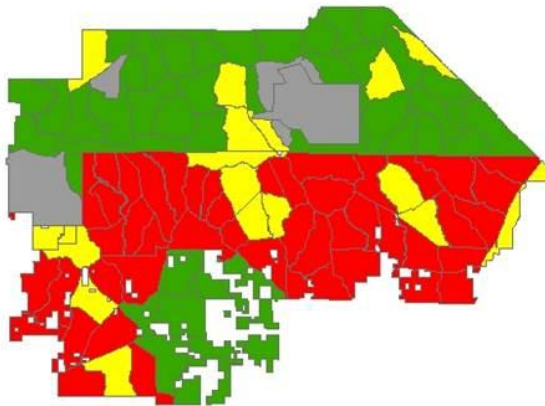


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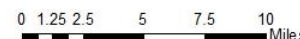
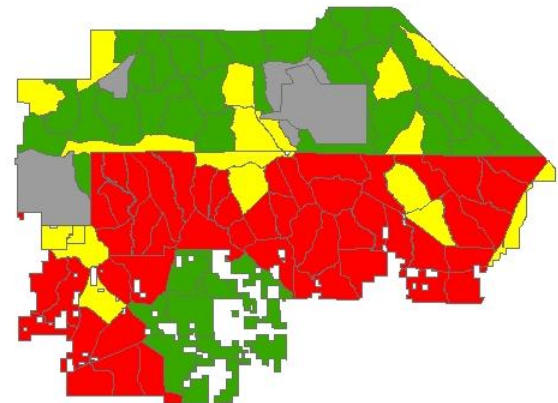
-  Forest Compartment Boundary
-  Inventoried Within 10 years (2015-2024)
-  Inventoried Within 10-15 years (2010-2014)
-  Last Inventory > 15 years ago (before 2010)
-  Non-Inventoried Lands

Legend

-  Forest Compartment Boundary
-  Inventoried Within 10 years (2016-2025)
-  Inventoried Within 10-15 years (2011-2015)
-  Last Inventory > 15 years ago (before 2011)
-  Non-Inventoried Lands



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Objective 2-2: Longleaf Pine Forest Management Annual Results

Task 2-2.2A: Prescribed Burning Status – FY25 Annual Results

Management Area	Total Burnable Acres	Years Since Burn	Compartment Prescribed Burning	
			Acres Burned	Percent of Total Acres
IUA	39,756	<=3	25,615	64%
		<=5	33,990	85%
LUA	39,483	<=3	23,502	60%
		<=5	28,413	72%
Vernon Total	79,239	<=3	49,117	62%
		<=5	62,403	79%
Fort Polk	48,205	<=3	37,704	78%
		<=5	40,896	85%
Fort Polk-North	26,394	<=3	11,834	45%
		<=5	23,657	90%
Army Total	74,599	<=3	49,538	66%
		<=5	64,553	87%
Grand Total	153,838	<=3	98,655	64%
		<=5	126,956	83%

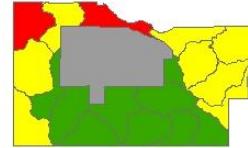
Green: Prescribed burning was completed for ≥ 90% of pine and pine-hardwood forest acres in ≤ 3 years and 100% of these acres in ≤ 5 years	Amber: Prescribed burning was completed for < 90% of pine and pine-hardwood forest acres in ≤ 3 years or < 100% of these acres in ≤ 5 years; and prescribed burning was completed for ≥ 80% of the area in ≤ 3 years and ≥ 95 % of the area in ≤ 5 years	Red: Prescribed burning was completed for < 80% of the pine and pine-hardwood forest acres in ≤ 3 years; or < 95% of these acres in ≤ 5 years
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



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Objective 2-2: Longleaf Pine Forest Management Annual Results

Task 2-2.2A: Prescribed Burning Status – FY24 and FY25








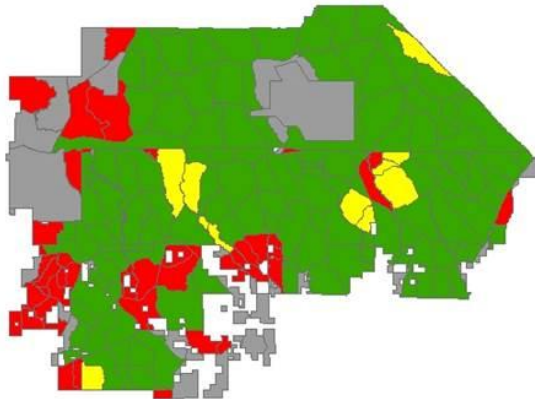
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-  Burn Area Boundary
-  Last Burned \leq 3 Yrs (2022 - 2024)
-  Last Burned >3 & \leq 5 Yrs (2020 - 2021)
-  Last Burned $>$ 5 Yrs (before 2020)
-  Areas Not On Regular Burn Schedule

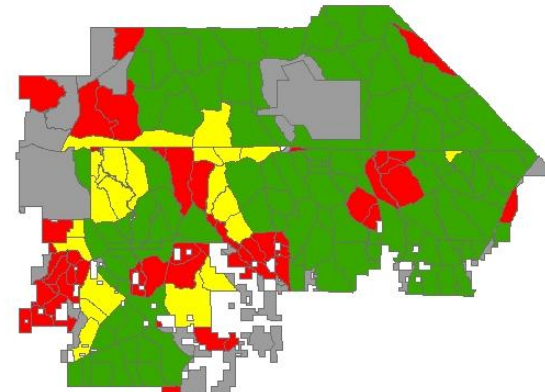


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-  Burn Area Boundary
-  Last Burned \leq 3 Yrs (2023 - 2025)
-  Last Burned >3 & \leq 5 Yrs (2021 - 2022)
-  Last Burned $>$ 5 Yrs (before 2021)
-  Areas Not On Regular Burn Schedule



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Objective 2-2: Longleaf Pine Forest Management Annual Results

Task 2-2.2B: RCW HMU Prescribed Burning Annual Accomplishments – FY25 Annual Results

Admin Unit	HMU Acres	HMU Acres Planned for Burn	Planned and Burned	% HMU Planned Acres Burned
Vernon Unit*	79,239	40,060	15,788	39%
Fort Polk	31,866	17,509	15,808	90%
Fort Polk-North	17,489	10,601	4,570	43%
Army Total	49,355	28,111	20,379	72%
Grand Total	128,594	68,171	36,166	53%

*In the absence of an RCW HMU layer for the Vernon Unit, all Vernon Unit acres (including hardwood stands) were considered in the analysis except those acres identified as infrequently prescribed burned due to adjacent private lands ("No Burn" areas)

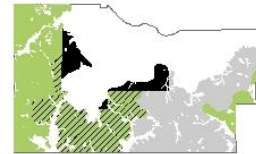
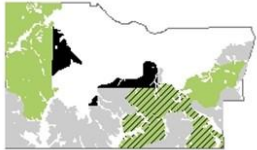
Green: Green: $\geq 75\%$ of planned burning within RCW HMU was accomplished during the fiscal year	Amber: $< 75\%$ and $\geq 50\%$ of planned burning within RCW HMU was accomplished during the fiscal year	Red: $< 50\%$ of planned burning was accomplished within RCW HMU was accomplished during the fiscal year
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


Objective 2-2: Longleaf Pine Forest Management Annual Results

Task 2-2.2B: RCW HMU Prescribed Burning Annual Accomplishments – FY24 and FY25







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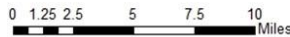
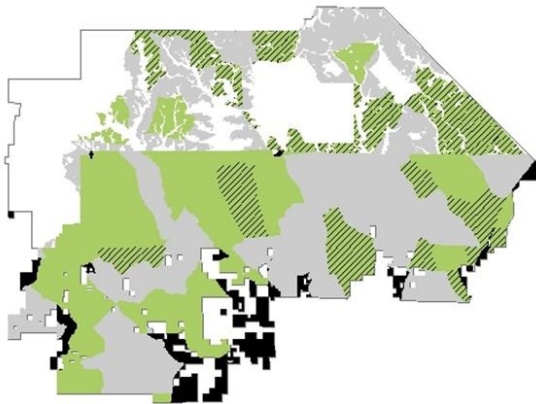


-  Area Burned in FY 2024
-  FY 2024 Scheduled Prescribed Burns
-  RCW HMU - FY 2024 Burn Not Scheduled
-  Areas Not On Regular Burn Schedule

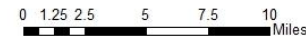
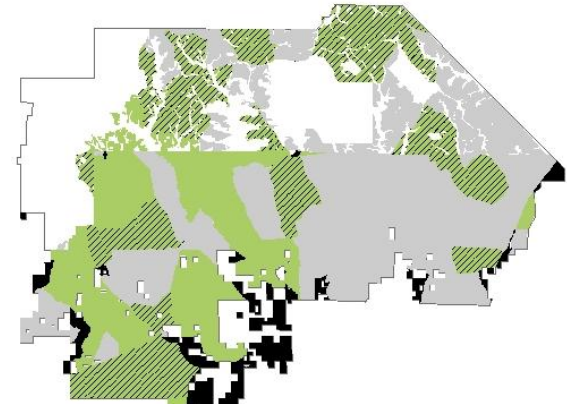
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-  Area Burned in FY 2025
-  FY 2025 Scheduled Prescribed Burns
-  RCW HMU - FY 2025 Burn Not Scheduled
-  Areas Not On Regular Burn Schedule



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Objective 2-3: Louisiana Pine Snake Conservation



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Objective 2-3: Louisiana Pine Snake Conservation Annual Results

Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results
			CY25/FY25
2-3.1	Signature of US Fish and Wildlife Service approved CCA for the LPS on Fort Polk, Fort Polk-North and the Vernon Unit.	Annual (CY)	Green: Revised CCA signed July 2013
2-3.2A	Percent of LPS habitat management unit (HMU) that has received prescribed fire in ≤ 3 years and ≤ 5 years.	Annual (FY)	Red (USFS totals = 66% in 3 years and 80% in 5 years; Army totals = 84% in 3 years and 95% in 5 years; Overall totals = 72% in 3 years and 85% in 5 years.)
2-3.2B	Percent of planned prescribed burning accomplished within LPS HMU (total area planned/total area burned).	Annual (FY)	Amber (USFS total = 36% of planned FY25 LPS HMU burning completed; Army total = 81% of planned FY25 LPS HMU burning completed; Overall total = 53% of planned FY25 LPS HMU burning completed)
2-3.3A	Fort Polk and Fort Polk-North: Total acres of timber harvested within the LPS HMU during the fiscal year.	Annual (FY)	Zero acres of timber were harvested within the Fort Polk and Fort Polk-North LPS HMUs, respectively, in FY25
2-3.3B	Vernon Unit: Forested acres thinned in the reporting year w/in LPS HMUs on the Vernon Unit to maintain sufficient light penetration for herbaceous understory vigor and "in accordance with accepted longleaf ecosystem management guidelines and Endangered Species management goals for RCW."	Annual (FY)	Zero (0) acres were harvested within the Vernon Unit LPS HMU in FY25



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Objective 2-3: Louisiana Pine Snake Conservation Annual Results

Task 2-3.2A: LPS Habitat Management, Prescribed Burning Frequency – FY25 Annual Results

LPS Habitat Management Unit	Total Burnable Acres	Years Since Burn	Prescribed Burn	
			Acres Burned	Percent of Total Acres
Vernon Unit	58,832	<=3	38,557	66%
		<=5	47,340	80%
Fort Polk	22,876	<=3	20,889	91%
		<=5	22,041	96%
Fort Polk-North	5,241	<=3	2,815	54%
		<=5	4,792	91%
Army Total	28,117	<=3	23,704	84%
		<=5	26,833	95%
Grand Total	86,949	<=3	62,261	72%
		<=5	74,173	85%

Green: Prescribed burning was completed for ≥ 90% of LPS HMU acres in ≤ 3 years and 100% of these acres in ≤ 5 years

Amber: Prescribed burning was completed for < 90% of LPS HMU acres in ≤ 3 years or < 100% of these acres in ≤ 5 years; and prescribed burning was completed for ≥ 80% of the area in ≤ 3 years and ≥ 95 % of the area in ≤ 5 years

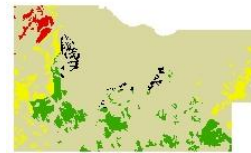
Red: Prescribed burning was completed for < 80% of LPS HMU acres in ≤ 3 years; or < 95% of these acres in ≤ 5 years



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Objective 2-3: Louisiana Pine Snake Conservation Annual Results

Task 2-3.2A: LPS Habitat Management, Prescribed Burning Frequency – FY24 and FY25

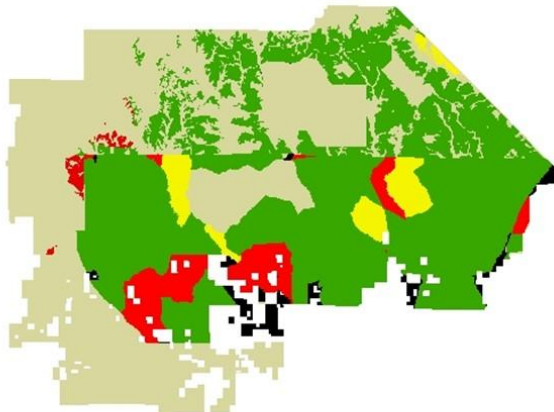


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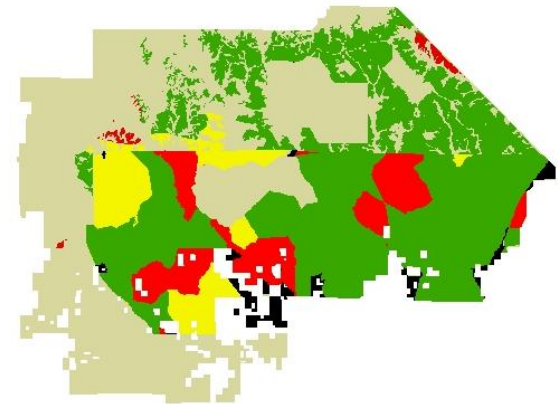
- Non-HMU
- Areas Not On Regular Burn Schedule
- Last Burned <= 3 Yrs (2022 - 2024)
- Last Burned > 3 & <= 5 Yrs (2020 - 2021)
- Last Burned > 5 Yrs (before 2020)

Legend

- Non-HMU
- Areas Not On Regular Burn Schedule
- Last Burned <= 3 Yrs (2023 - 2025)
- Last Burned > 3 & <= 5 Yrs (2021 - 2022)
- Last Burned > 5 Yrs (before 2021)



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Objective 2-3: Louisiana Pine Snake Conservation Annual Results

Task 2-3.2B: LPS Habitat Management, Prescribed Burning Annual Accomplishments – FY25 Results

Admin Unit	HMU Acres	HMU Acres Planned for Burn	Planned and Burned	% HMU Planned Acres Burned
Vernon Unit	58,832	23,339	8,468	36%
Fort Polk	22,876	11,049	10,170	92%
Fort Polk-North	5,241	3,722	1,749	47%
Army Total	28,117	14,771	11,919	81%
Grand Total	86,949	38,110	20,387	53%

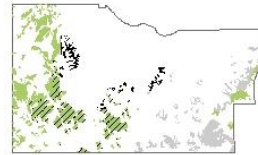
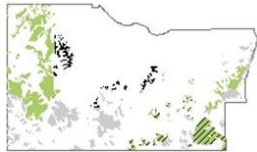
<p>Green ≥ 75% of planned burning within LPS HMU was accomplished during the fiscal year</p>	<p>Amber < 75% and > 50% of planned burning within LPS HMU was accomplished during the fiscal year</p>	<p>Red < 50% of planned burning was accomplished within LPS HMU during the fiscal year</p>
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Objective 2-3: Louisiana Pine Snake Conservation Annual Results





Task 2-3.2B: LPS Habitat Management, Prescribed Burning Annual Accomplishments – FY24 and FY25

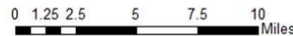
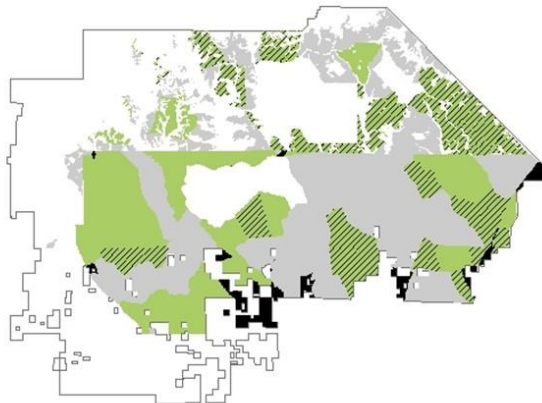


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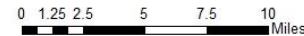
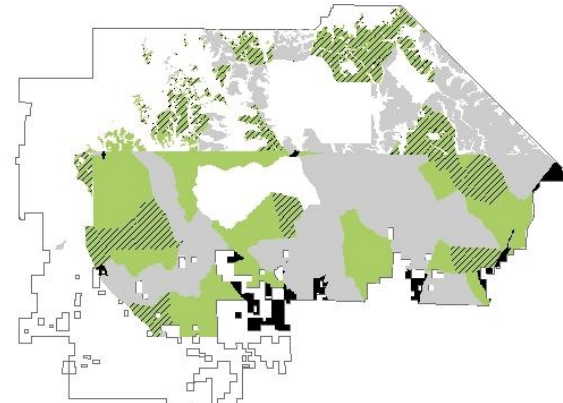
-  LPS HMU Area Burned in FY 2024
-  FY 2024 Scheduled Prescribed Burns
-  LPS HMU - FY 2024 Burn Not Scheduled
-  Areas Not On Regular Burn Schedule

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-  LPS HMU Area Burned in FY 2025
-  FY 2025 Scheduled Prescribed Burns
-  LPS HMU - FY 2025 Burn Not Scheduled
-  Areas Not On Regular Burn Schedule



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Objective 2-3: Louisiana Pine Snake Conservation Annual Results

Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results
			CY25
2-3.4A	Percent of visitor kiosks and hunting check-in locations on Fort Polk, Fort Polk-North and Vernon Unit with signage in place promoting LPS conservation.	Annual (CY)	Green (Fort Polk & Fort Polk-North: LPS signage verified at 12 / 12 kiosks and check-in stations; Vernon Unit: LPS signage verified at 8 / 8 kiosks)
2-3.4B	A total of at least five LPS public education/outreach events are conducted annually by Fort Polk and KNF. (Revised metric adopted 20 July 17)	Annual (CY)	Green (Fort Polk and KNF participated in 13 and 1 LPS outreach events in FY25, respectively)
2-3.4C	Number of individuals attending LPS outreach events/booths sponsored by Fort Polk and Kisatchie National Forest, Vernon Unit, and change in number of attendees over time.	Annual (CY)	Fort Polk: 1,737 individuals attended LPS outreach events; Vernon Unit: 550 individuals attended outreach events. Grand total: 1,737 (both agencies attended Forestry Awareness with 550 individuals in attendance)



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Objective 2-3: Louisiana Pine Snake Conservation Annual Results

Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results
			CY25
2-3.5	Instances of LPS mortality recorded on road and trail segments on Fort Polk, KNF Vernon Unit and Fort Polk-North during field inspections or other surveys of convenience.	Annual (CY)	No LPS road/vehicular mortality was observed in CY25 on Fort Polk, Fort Polk-North, or the Vernon Unit
2-3.6	Mean number of trap days per LPS capture by and across administrative units (Fort Polk, Fort Polk-North, Vernon Unit, Kisatchie Ranger District) and LPS populations within which trapping occurred.	Annual (CY)	<p>822 trap nights on Fort Polk, 2 LPS capture/recapture; 0 trap nights on Fort Polk-North and 0 captures/recapture; 1,148 trap nights on the Vernon Unit, 2 capture/recapture; and 3,278 trap nights on Kisatchie Ranger District (6 camera bucket trap arrays w/ 11 cameras), 0 capture/recapture</p> <p>Mean number of trap nights / capture: Fort Polk = 411, Vernon Unit = 574, Overall $([822+1,148+3,278 \text{ trap nights}] / 4 \text{ capture/recapture}) = 1,312$</p>



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Objective 2-3: Louisiana Pine Snake Conservation Annual Results

Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results
			FY25
2-3.7A	Number of OCTs and Soldiers for each MSC receiving certification.	Annual (FY)	See trend (1,123 HSU and 526 non-tenant Soldiers received in-person SRA training and/or SRAT certification in FY25; all Soldiers receiving OIC/RSO training concurrently received in-person SRA training)
2-3.7B	Percent of Environmental Compliance Officers (ECOs) that have completed the ECO training course.	Annual (FY)	Amber: 1st QTR - 158 ECOs Green or Amber / 173 Required = 91% 2nd QTR - 154 ECOs Green or Amber / 176 Required = 88% 3rd QTR - 131 ECOs Green or Amber / 163 Required = 80% 4th QTR - 171 ECOs Green or Amber / 259 Required = 66% FY Average % Green or Amber = 80%



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Objective 2-3: Louisiana Pine Snake Conservation Annual Results

Task 2-3.7B: Environmental Compliance Officer Training – FY25 Annual Results

FY25	Total Required ECOs*	Total Green	Total Amber	Total Red	Total / Percent Green + Amber
1 Qtr.	173	141	17	15	158 / 91%
2 Qtr.	176	137	17	22	154 / 88%
3 Qtr.	163	104	27	32	131 / 80%
4 Qtr.	259	155	16	88	171 / 66%
FY Avg	193	134	19	26	154 / 80%
*Number of ECOs required is a function of troop deployments and changes in construction contractor's present in any given quarter; 68 ECOs deployed during 1st thru 3rd Qtr. FY25.					
Green: The percent of ECOs completing the ECO training course is $\geq 90\%$		Amber: The percent of ECOs completing the ECO training course is $\geq 75\%$ and $< 90\%$		Red: The percent of ECOs completing the ECO training course is $< 75\%$	



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Objective 2-3: Louisiana Pine Snake Conservation Annual Results

Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results
			FY25
2-3.8	Percent of permanent and semi-permanent projects within LPS HMUs for which a survey was conducted for pocket gopher mounds (PGM) prior to start of the project.	Annual (FY)	Green (1 project required a PGM survey on Fort Polk, Fort Polk-North and the Vernon Unit, and 1 was completed)
2-3.9A	Acres within LPS HMUs on Fort Polk and the Vernon Unit, combined, and within the Fort Polk-North HMU that were converted to an unsuitable land use in the reporting year, and across years since HMU adoption.	Annual (FY)	In FY25 one (1) acre of LPS habitat was converted on Fort Polk, but zero acres were converted on Fort Polk-North or the Vernon Unit
2-3.9B	Total acres within LPS HMUs on Fort Polk and the Vernon Unit, combined, and within the Fort Polk-North HMU remaining in a land use suitable for LPS use.	Annual (FY)	Vernon Unit: 61,399 Fort Polk: 22,524 Fort Polk-North: 5,588 Army Total: 28,122 Grand Total: 89,521
2-3.10	Number of Erosion Control Blanket (ECB) best management practices (BMPs) recommended annually within Fort Polk and Vernon Unit LPS HMUs combined, and the Fort Polk-North LPS HMU. (Note: the metric will track recommendations made by Fort Polk ENRMD and Calcasieu District.)	Annual (FY)	No ECB's recommended by Fort Polk ENRMD or the Vernon Unit in FY25



Objective 2-4: Bog Mapping and Monitoring



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Objective 2-4: Bog Mapping and Monitoring Annual Results

Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results
			FY25
2-4.2	Fort Polk, KNF Vernon Unit and Fort Polk-North bog map layer(s) and data tables are updated annually to reflect monitoring results (see Task 2-4.3).	Annual	Green: Bog map updated 7 July 2025
2-4.3	Annual percentage of “high quality” and potentially “at risk” bogs inspected for military impacts.	Annual	Green: 100 / 100 = 100% of high quality/at risk bogs were inspected for military impacts
2-4.4	Percent of “high quality” and potentially “at risk” bogs on Fort Polk, Fort Polk-North and the Vernon Unit requiring signage that have adequate signage.	Annual	Green: 16 / 16 = 100% of high quality/at risk bogs needing signage were marked with signage
2-4.5	Percent of “high quality” and potentially “at risk” bogs directly impacted by military activities. (See definition in Task 2-4.3)	Annual	Green: None of the "high quality" or "at risk" bogs were impacted by military activities in FY25



Objective 3-1: Integration of Master Planning, Engineering, and Environmental Concerns



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Objective 3-1 Integration of Master Planning, Engineering, and Environmental Concerns Annual Results

Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results
			FY25
3-1.1	Screening/Alternatives Analysis for Siting of New Facilities	Annual	Green (7/7 = 100% of facilities requiring an environmental screening/ alternatives analysis followed the SEMP process for screening/ alternatives analysis)
3-1.2A	Sustainable Site Credits for LEED-NC Projects: Percentage of candidate new construction and major renovation projects achieving LEED-NC 2.2 Site Selection (SS) Credit 1	Annual	Green (Zero (0) MILCON facilities were placed into service in FY25)
3-1.3A	MILCON Facilities Constructed to LEED-NC Silver: Percent of LEED-NC candidate MILCON (new construction and major renovation) projects that are certified to achieve LEED-NC 2.2 Silver or higher standards.	Annual	Green (Zero (0) MILCON facilities were placed into service in FY25)



Objective 4-1: Hunting and Other Recreational Opportunities



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Objective 4-1: Hunting and Other Recreational Opportunities Quarterly Results

Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results			
			1st Qtr. FY25	2nd Qtr. FY25	3rd Qtr. FY25	4th Qtr. FY25
4-1.1A	Average percent of time per month that Fort Polk hunting website and Limited Use Area (LUA) and Special Limited Use Area (SLUA) website are operational. Measured by percent of time Fort Polk webpage was operational over the reporting quarter beginning 1st Qtr. FY20.	Quarterly	Green (99.7% uptime)	Green (99% uptime)	Green (99% uptime)	Green (99% uptime)
4-1.1B	Date of last webmaster update to the hunting and LUA/SLUA websites.	Quarterly	Green: Content updated for both LUA and hunting webpages	Green: Content updated for both LUA and hunting webpages	Green: Content updated for both LUA and hunting webpages	Green: Content updated for both LUA and hunting webpages.



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Objective 4-1: Hunting and Other Recreational Opportunities Annual Results

Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results
			FY25
4-1.2	Percent of total hunting acre-day capacity that is open for hunting during periods of interest in the LUA and in the Fort Polk-Vernon and Fort Polk-North Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs).	Annual	Amber: 100% LUA, 69% Fort Polk-Vernon WMA, 71% Fort Polk-North WMA open for hunting (Note: Seasons of interest are opening weekends for squirrel and turkey, and Thanksgiving deer either-sex hunt)
4-1.3	Percent of total commercial or non-commercial special use or group recreational events that were denied in the LUA/SLUA due to conflicts with military use.	Annual	Green: No LUA recreational events denied or conflicts with military use reported
4-1.4	Revised metric (approved 24 April 14): Number of OCTs and Soldiers for each MSC receiving certification.	Annual	See trend (1,123 HSU and 526 non-tenant Soldiers received in-person SRA training and/or SRAT certification in FY25; all Soldiers receiving OIC/RSO training concurrently received in-person SRA training)
4-1.5	Frequency of public feedback (positive/ negative) on the availability and content of public information on training schedules in the LUA, SLUA, Fort Polk-Vernon and Fort Polk-North WMAs.	Annual	No trend: USFS, DPTMS, PAO & PAIO received no comments in FY25
4-1.6	Estimated rate of change in percent of total annual hunting acre-day capacity that is open for hunting ("percent open for hunting") over the past five-year period, reported by area (LUA, Fort Polk-Vernon and Fort Polk-North WMAs).	Annual	Green: LUA = no change; Fort Polk-Vernon WMA = 90% increase over 5 years (statistically significant); Fort Polk-North WMA = 97% increase over 5 years (statistically significant)



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Objective 4-1: Hunting and Other Recreational Opportunities Annual Results

Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results
			FY25
4-1.7	Trends for violations of range regulations restricting military use of recreational facilities or maintained trails in the LUA and SLUA.	Annual	No trend (n = 0)
4-1.8	Weight of evidence of impacts (to hunting and other approved recreational uses of the WMAs, LUA and SLUA) based on annual results for the following tasks: 4-1.1, 4-1.2, 4-1.3, and 4-1.6.	Annual	Green (3.5 points - weight of evidence indicates hunting opportunities on Fort Polk-Vernon and/or Fort Polk-North WMAs were not impacted in FY25)



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Objective 4-1: Hunting and Other Recreational Opportunities Annual Results

Task 4-1.2 – Fort Polk-Vernon and Fort Polk-North WMAs Hunting Availability, State FY25

Hunting Season	Measure	Fort Polk – Vernon WMA	Fort Polk-North WMA	Total (Installation Wide)
Opening Weekend - Squirrel Season (05 OCT – 06 OCT)	% Acre-Days Available	92%	100%	96%
Thanksgiving Weekend – Deer (29 NOV – 1 DEC) (bow-only areas excluded)	% Acre-Days Available	96%	100%	98%
Opening Weekend - Turkey Season (05 APR – 06 APR)	% Acre-Days Available	10%	0%	6%
Seasons of Interest Total (Squirrel, Deer, Turkey Weekends)	% Acre-Days Available	69%	71%	70%
Overall Hunting Season (07 SEP - 28 FEB and 05 APR – 04 MAY)	% Acre-Days Available	60%	58%	59%



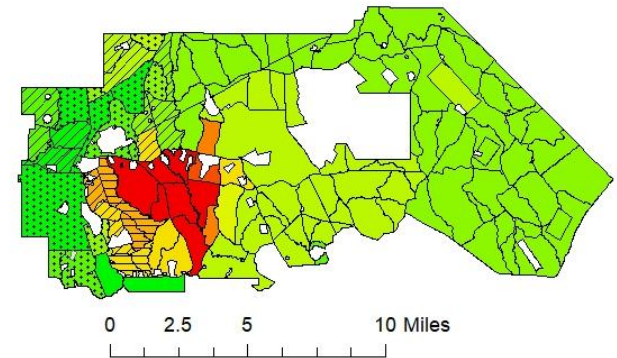
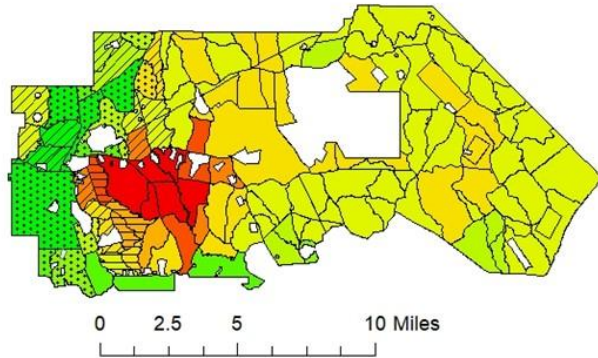
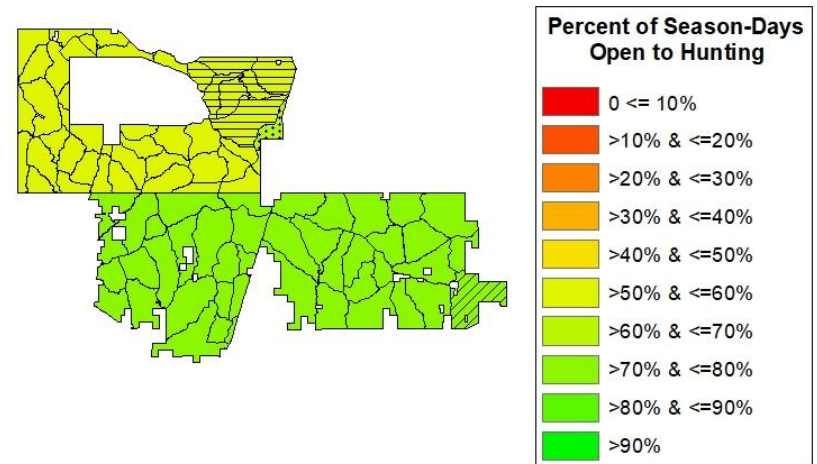
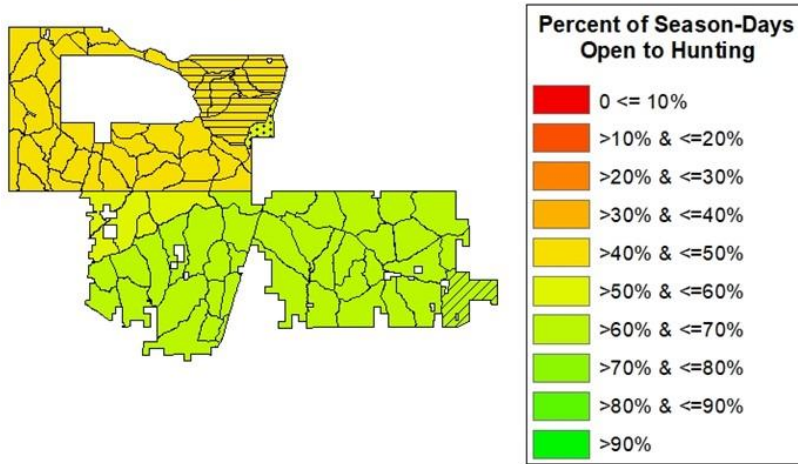
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Objective 4-1: Hunting and Other Recreational Opportunities Annual Results

Task 4-1.2 – Fort Polk-Vernon and Fort Polk-North WMAs Hunting Availability, State FY25

State FY2024 Fall/Winter Hunting Seasons
(02 September 2023 thru 29 February 2024)

State FY2025 Fall/Winter Hunting Seasons
(07 September 2024 thru 28 February 2025)



Hunting Permitted

- Closed to Hunting
- No Gun Hunting, Bow Only
- Bow - Shotgun Only
- Bow, Shotgun (Slug), and Blackpowder for Deer, Small Game, and Turkey
- No Deer Hunting w/ Firearms, Shotgun Only for Small Game and Turkey

Hunting Permitted

- Closed to Hunting
- No Gun Hunting, Bow Only
- Bow - Shotgun Only
- Bow, Shotgun (Slug), and Blackpowder for Deer, Small Game, and Turkey
- No Deer Hunting w/ Firearms, Shotgun Only for Small Game and Turkey



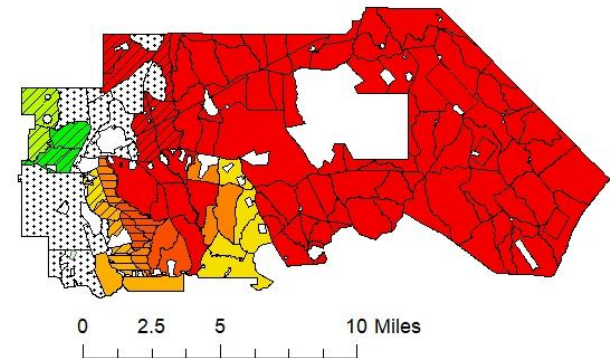
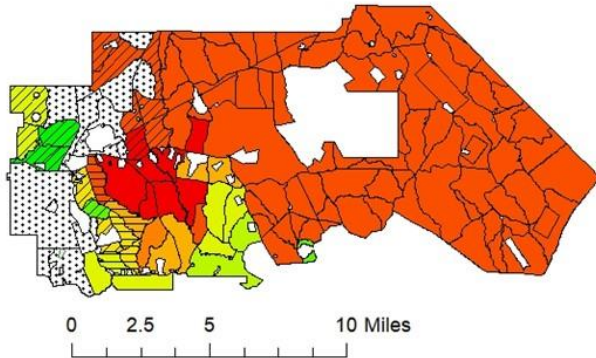
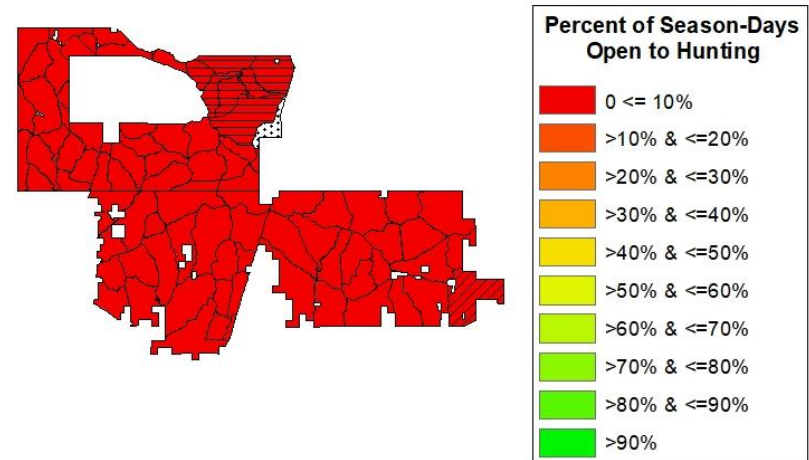
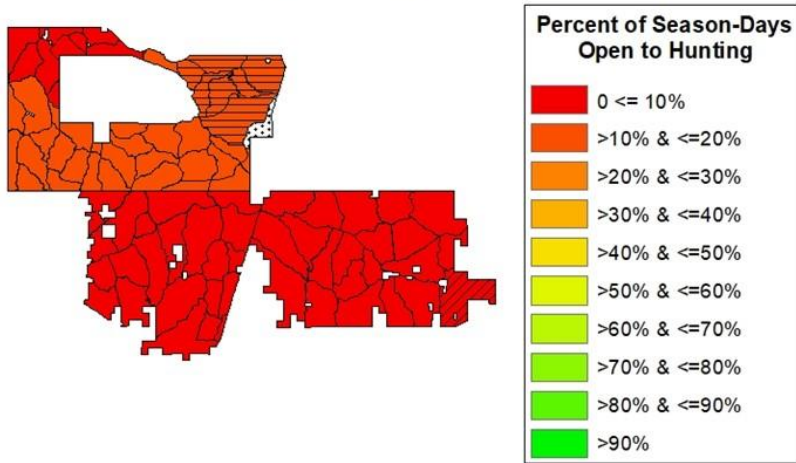
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Objective 4-1: Hunting and Other Recreational Opportunities Annual Results

Task 4-1.2 – Fort Polk-Vernon and Fort Polk-North WMAs Hunting Availability, State FY25

State FY2024 Spring Turkey Season
(6 April 2024 thru 5 May 2024)

State FY2025 Spring Turkey Season
(5 April 2025 thru 4 May 2025)



Hunting Permitted

- Closed to Hunting
- No Gun Hunting, Bow Only
- Bow - Shotgun Only
- Bow, Shotgun (Slug), and Blackpowder for Deer, Small Game, and Turkey
- No Deer Hunting w/ Firearms, Shotgun Only for Small Game and Turkey

Hunting Permitted

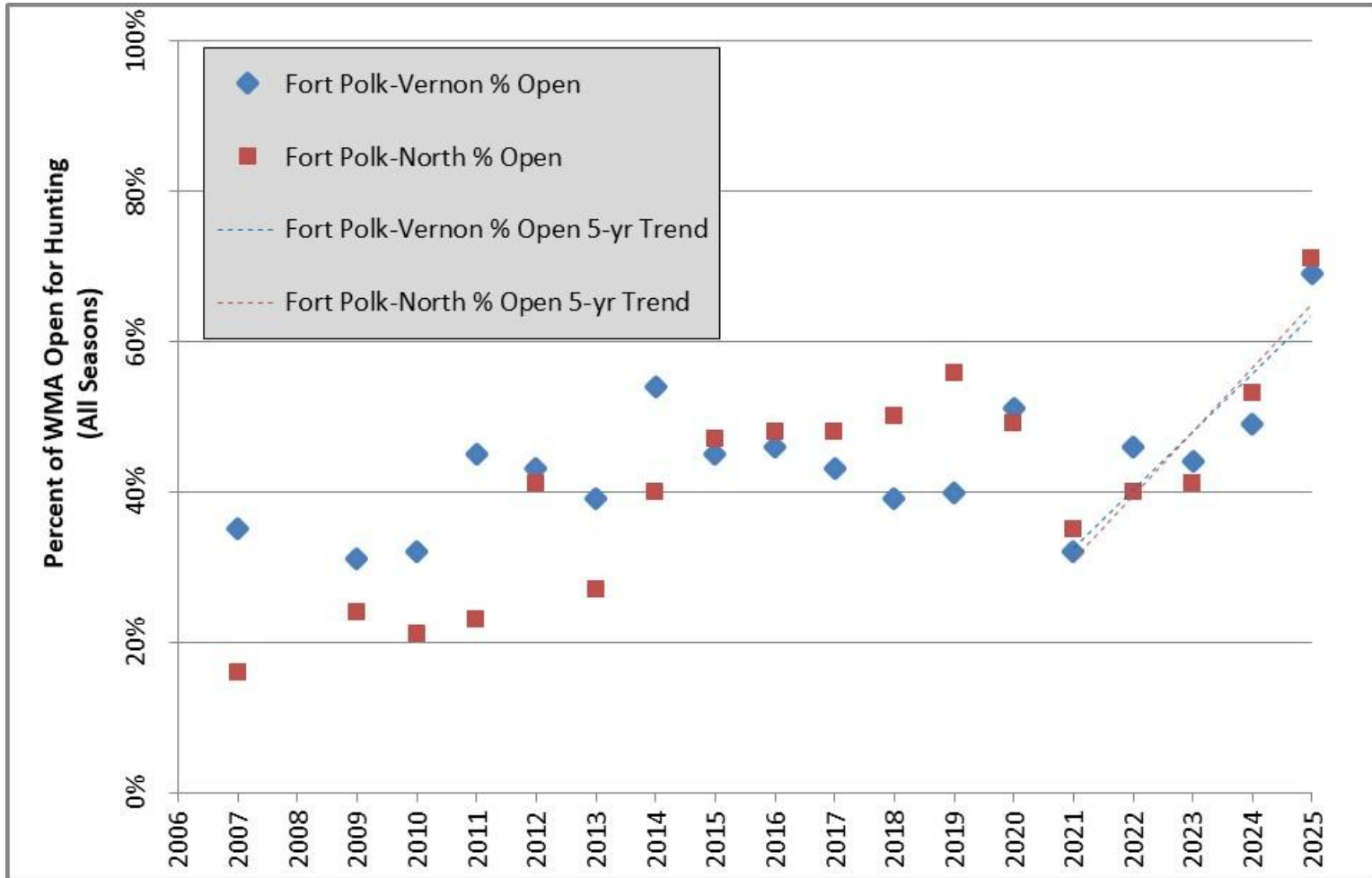
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- Bow - Shotgun Only
- Bow, Shotgun (Slug), and Blackpowder for Deer, Small Game, and Turkey
- No Deer Hunting w/ Firearms, Shotgun Only for Small Game and Turkey



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Objective 4-1: Hunting and Other Recreational Opportunities Annual Results

Task 4-1.2 – Fort Polk-Vernon and Fort Polk-North WMAs Hunting Availability, State FY07-25



Objective 4-2: Quality of Life for Installation Neighbors – Noise



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Objective 4-2 Quality of Life for Installation Neighbors Quarterly Results: Noise

Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results			
			1st Qtr. FY25	2nd Qtr. FY25	3rd Qtr. FY25	4th Qtr. FY25
4-2.1	Number of operating days/year for LUA and Fort Polk-North noise monitors (monitor-days/year).	Quarterly	Green: LUA noise monitors: 100% operational; Fort Polk-North monitors: 100% operational	Green: LUA noise monitors: 100% operational; Fort Polk-North monitors: 100% operational	Green: LUA noise monitors: 100% operational; Fort Polk-North monitors: 100% operational	Green: LUA noise monitors: 100% operational; Fort Polk-North monitors: 100% operational
4-2.2	Number of validated noise complaints. Note: the term "validated" indicates that military activities were confirmed to be the cause of the noise resulting in the complaint.	Quarterly	Green: No validated noise complaints	Green: No validated noise complaints	Green: No validated noise complaints	Green: No validated noise complaints



Objective 4-2: Quality of Life for Installation Neighbors – Fire Conditions



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Objective 4-2 Quality of Life for Installation Neighbors Quarterly Results: Fire Conditions

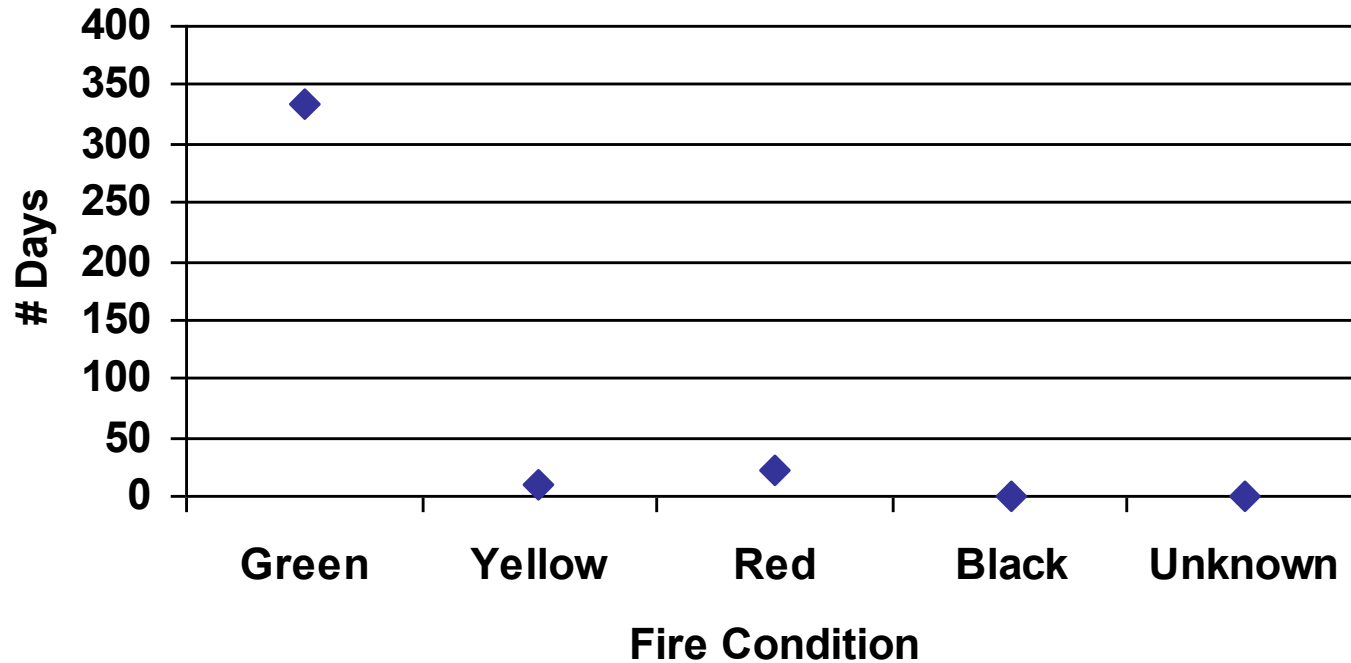
Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results			
			1st Qtr. FY25	2nd Qtr. FY25	3rd Qtr. FY25	4th Qtr. FY25
4-2.6A	Number of high risk (Amber/Red/Black) fire days.	Quarterly	Green: 61 (66%); Amber: 9 (10%); Red: 22 (24%); Black: 0 (0%)	Green: 90 (100%); Amber: 0 (0%); Red: 0 (0%); Black: 0 (0%)	Green: 91 (100%) Amber: 0 (0%) Red: 0 (0%) Black: 0 (0%)	Green: 92 (100%) Amber: 0 (0%) Red: 0 (0%) Black: 0 (0%)
4-2.6B	Number of wildfires reported to NRMB that are caused by military operations (live fire or use of other incendiary devices on range or maneuver training areas) during high risk fire days.	Quarterly	Green: 14 (48%); Amber: 2 (7%); Red: 13 (45%); Black: 0 (0%)	Green: 17 (100%) Amber: 0 (0%) Red: 0 (0%) Black: 0 (0%)	Green: 25 (100%) Amber: 0 (0%) Red: 0 (0%) Black: 0 (0%)	Green: 27 (100%) Amber: 0 (0%) Red: 0 (0%) Black: 0 (0%)
4-2.6C	Total acreage of wildfires reported to NRMB that are caused by military operations (live fire or use of other incendiary devices on range or maneuver training areas) during high risk fire days.	Quarterly	Green: 227 (74%); Amber: 8 (2%); Red: 73 (24%); Black: 0 (0%)	Green: 134 (100%) Amber: 0 (0%) Red: 0 (0%) Black: 0 (0%)	Green: 220 (100%) Amber: 0 (0%) Red: 0 (0%) Black: 0 (0%)	Green: 183 (100%) Amber: 0 (0%) Red: 0 (0%) Black: 0 (0%)
4-2.8	Number of wildfires on private property resulting from military activities.	Quarterly	Green: No military-caused wildfires occurred/ extended off-post	Green: No military-caused wildfires occurred/ extended off-post	Green: No military-caused wildfires occurred/ extended off-post	Green: No military-caused wildfires occurred/ extended off-post



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Objective 4-2 Quality of Life for Installation Neighbors Annual Results: Fire Conditions

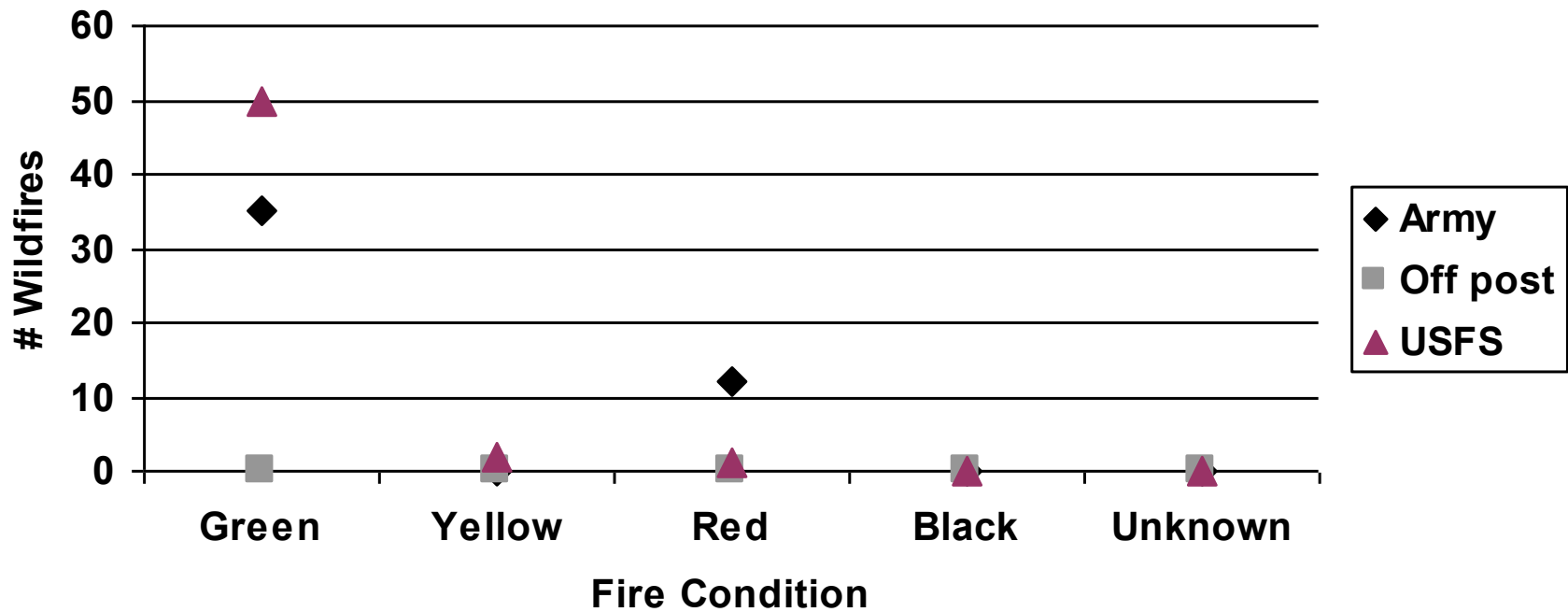
Task 4-2.6A: Fire Condition Summary – FY25



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Objective 4-2 Quality of Life for Installation Neighbors Annual Results: Fire Conditions

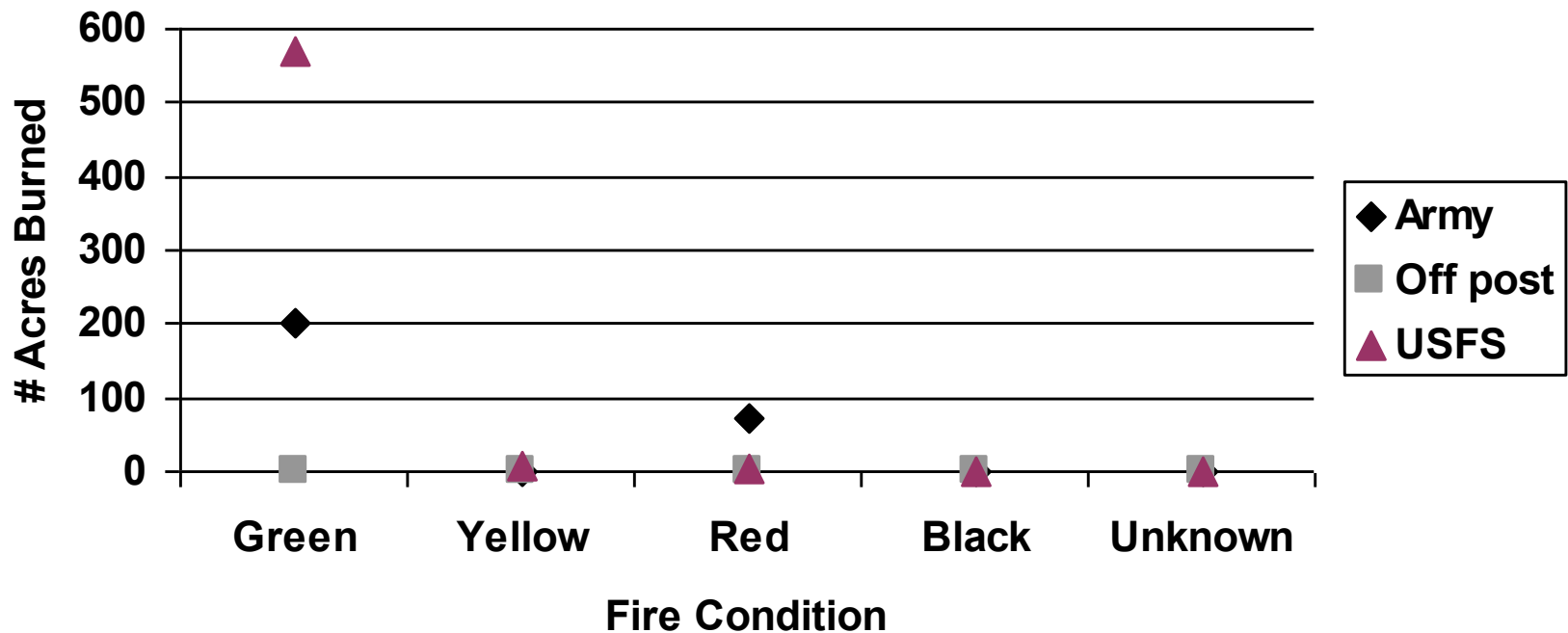
Task 4-2.6B: Number of Training-related Wildfires By Ownership and Fire Condition – FY25



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Objective 4-2 Quality of Life for Installation Neighbors Annual Results: Fire Conditions

Task 4-2.6C: Acres Burned by Training-related Wildfires by Ownership and Fire Condition – FY25



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Objective 4-2 Quality of Life for Installation Neighbors Annual Results: Fire Conditions

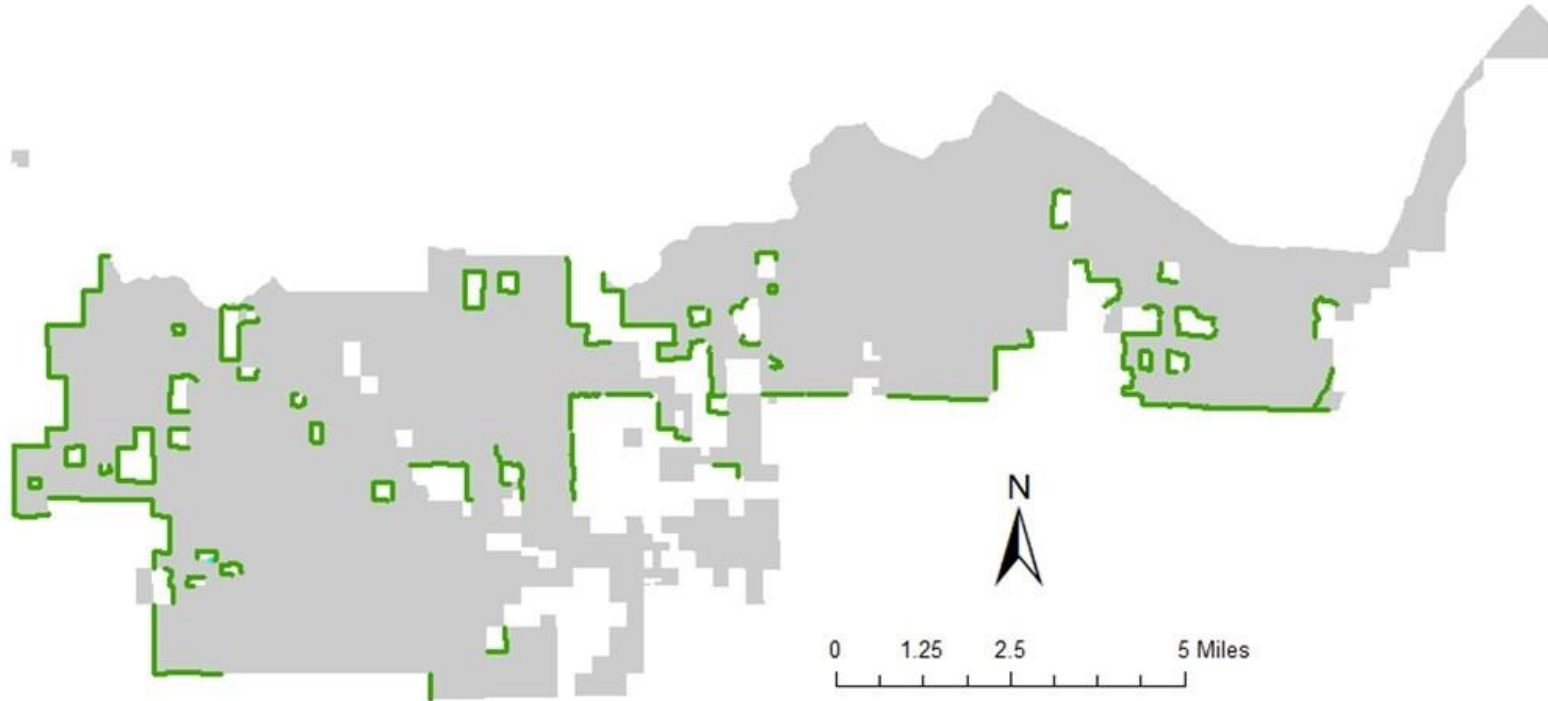
Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results
			CY25
4-2.5	Percent of fire lines (miles) maintained annually.	Annual	Green: 62.3 miles (100%) of fire lines maintained in CY25
4-2.7	Completion of annual LUA fire drill.	Annual	Green: LUA fire drill completed 24 April 2025



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Objective 4-2 Quality of Life for Installation Neighbors Annual Results: Fire Conditions

Task 4-2.5: Percent of LUA Firelines (miles) Maintained Annually – CY25 Results



Legend

- Limited Use Area
- Firebreak Maintained in 2025



Objective 4-2: Quality of Life for Installation Neighbors – Landline Maintenance and Trespass



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Objective 4-2 Quality of Life for Installation Neighbors Annual Results: Landline Maintenance and Trespass

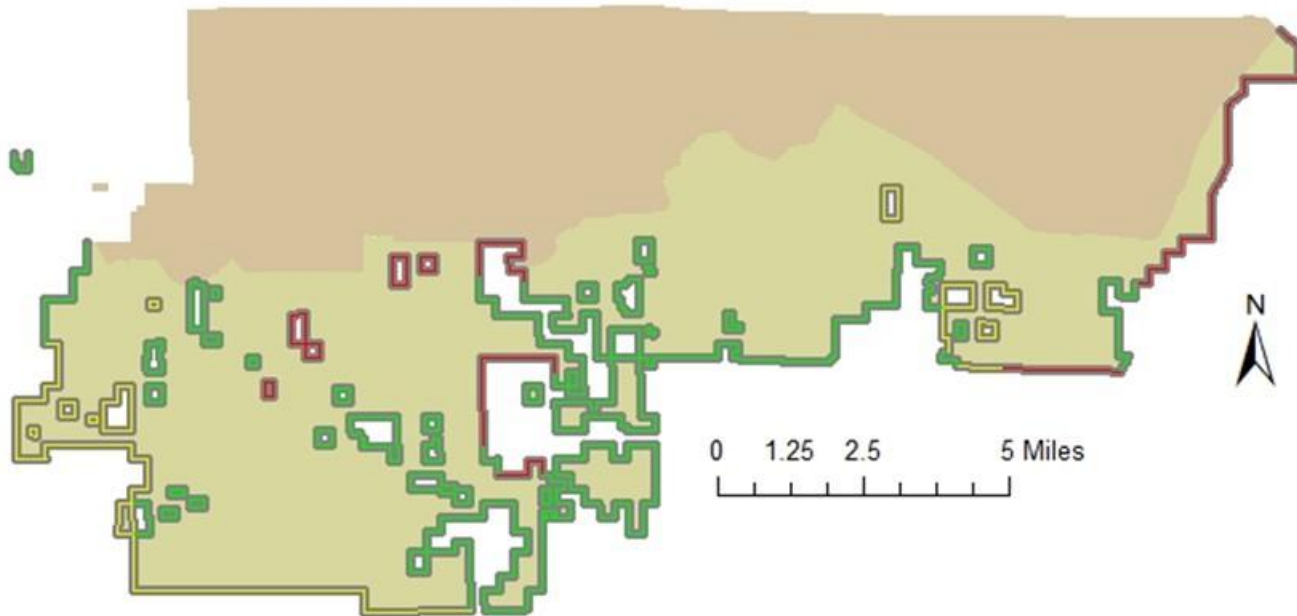
Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results
			FY25
4-2.3	Percent of private land line miles in LUA maintained within 8 years and percent maintained within 10 years.	Annual	Red: 63% of landlines maintained within 8 years and 84% in 10 years; 0 miles of landlines were maintained in FY22 thru FY25; painted corner trees lost during 2020 hurricanes and contracting efforts to resurvey boundaries have been unsuccessful to date
4-2.4	Frequency of observed/reported incidents of trespass onto private lands in the LUA or SLUA based on Range Control clearance inspections and public complaints.	Annual	Green: USFS, DPTMS, and PAIO - no known incidents of military trespass onto private property in the LUA or SLUA during FY25



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Objective 4-2 Quality of Life for Installation Neighbors Annual Results: Landline Maintenance and Trespass

Task 4-2.3: Limited Use Area Landline Maintenance within 8 and 10 Years Thru FY25



Legend

- LUA Landlines To Be Maintained
- Last Maintained w/in 8 years (FY 2018 - 2025)
- Last Maintained w/in 9-10 years (FY 2016 - 2017)
- Last Maintained > 10 years (FY < 2016)



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Objective 4-2 Quality of Life for Installation Neighbors Annual Results: Landline Maintenance and Trespass

Task 4-2.3: Limited Use Area Landline Maintenance by Fiscal Year Thru FY25

Fiscal Year Last Maintained	Years Since Maintenance	Landline Miles Maintained	% of Landline Maintained
2014	12	12.5	9%
2015	11	9.0	7%
2016	10	13.2	10%
2017	9	15.0	11%
2018	8	0.0	0%
2019	7	47.6	35%
2020	6	0.0	0%
2021	5	38.3	28%
2022	4	0.0	0%
2023	3	0.0	0%
2024	2	0.0	0%
2025	1	0.0	0%
Maintained within 8 years		85.9	63%
Maintained within 10 years		114.1	84%
Total		135.6	100%



Objective 4-2: Quality of Life for Installation Neighbors – Limited Use Area (LUA) Road Conditions



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Objective 4-2 Quality of Life for Installation Neighbors Annual Results: LUA Road Conditions

Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results
			FY25
4-2.9	Percent of corrective actions for validated maneuver damages to maintained roads (including Forest Service Roads) in the LUA that are completed within 30 days from the date of identification. Validated damages are those validated as caused by military activities.	Annual	Green: 1 of 1 (100%) maneuver damage to LUA roads was repaired within 30 days of identification in FY25
4-2.10	Frequency of validated maneuver damages to public roads in the LUA, including Forest Service roads. Validated damages are those validated as caused by military activities.	Annual	N = 1 maneuver damage to LUA roads in FY25



Objective 4-2: Quality of Life for Installation Neighbors – Public Complaints



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Objective 4-2 Quality of Life for Installation Neighbors Annual Results: Public Complaints

Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results
			FY25
4-2.11	Annual ratio of the total number of public complaints regarding training activities in the LUA and SLUA and the total number for which a response was provided within 24 hours of receipt or the following business day. (Military origin of complaints must be validated.)	Annual	Green: Zero complaints received regarding training activities in the LUA and SLUA in FY25
4-2.12	Frequency of public complaints (total number/year) resulting from military activities in the LUA and SLUA. (Military origin of complaints must be validated.)	Annual	Green: Zero complaints received regarding training activities in the LUA and SLUA in FY25



Objective 4-3: Limited Use Area Safety and Land Use Compatibility



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Objective 4-3 Limited Use Area Safety and Land Use Compatibility Annual Results

Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results
			FY25
4-3.1	Number of incidents involving military vehicles and school buses/bus passengers in the LUA.	Annual	Green: No incidents
4-3.2	Number of incidents involving military vehicles conducting blackout driving and civilians or civilian property in the LUA.	Annual	Green: No incidents
4-3.3A	Annual review of pipelines and electrical transmission lines within the LUA, and update of Military Installation Maps (MIMs) as needed.	Annual	Green: Review conducted; no update needed
4-3.3B	Number of incidents involving military vehicles or other military activities and pipelines/utility lines or oil and gas operations in the LUA.	Annual	Green: No incidents
4-3.4A	A documented JRTC-Fort Polk procedure (e.g., Range and Training Land SOP, JRTC EXROE) and/or Soldier training program (e.g., Sustainable Range Awareness Training or special information when signing for TAs where active grazing allotments are located) for HSU and RTU regarding active cattle grazing allotments in the LUA, and associated restrictions.	Annually	Green: Grazing allotments are covered in RSO/ OIC briefings and published in the Range SOP (Last updated 31 JUL 25), Page 29, Paragraph 6-24
4-3.4B	Number of incidents involving military activities and active grazing allotments in the LUA.	Annual	Green: No incidents
4-3.5	Annual number of civilian complaints/acre-days utilized in the LUA.	Annual	N/A - 0 / 522.4K acre-days used



Objectives 5-1 and 5-2: Continual Improvement



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Objectives 5-1 and 5-2: Continual Improvement Annual Results

Task#	Metric	Reporting Frequency	Performance Results
			FY25
5-1.1	Publication of annual SEMP report.	Annual	Green: 2024 Annual Report published March 2025
5-2.1	Percent of quarterly/annual Red monitoring task performance results for which a root cause analysis was conducted and appropriate management actions were identified.	Annual	Green (Red results were reported for 8 Task metrics in FY25, and none were selected for RCA by the Oversight Committee)
5-2.2	Percent of SEMP monitoring questions for which one or more metrics and associated performance target criteria have been approved by the Oversight Committee.	Annual	Green (106 of an estimated 106 required measures are approved by Oversight Committee = 100% complete)
5-2.3	Percent of approved SEMP monitoring tasks for which results were reported on schedule.	Annual	Red (Results for Tasks 1-2.6 thru 1-2.8 due for reporting in November 2020 still not reported as of November 2025; Metrics likely to be eliminated from future consideration b/c current land management and maneuver damage repair programs quickly identify significant erosion threats and correct them)
5-2.4	SEMP Oversight Committee reviews conducted at least once per quarter.	Annual	Green (4 quarterly meetings held in FY25)



Recommended Root Cause Analyses



SEMP FY25 Monitoring Results

Recommended Root Cause Analyses of Red FY25 Annual Monitoring Results – Fort Polk/KNF Staff and Oversight Committee

Task #	Metrics with “Red” Results – FY25 Annual Results	RCA Recommended?	
		Staff	Cmte.
1-2.6	Ratio of estimated current to undisturbed soil loss rate (tons/acre/year) across Fort Polk training lands (Main Post/Vernon Unit, Fort Polk-North)	No	No
1-2.7	Multi-year change in total acres of bare or sparsely vegetated areas	No	No
1-2.8	Multi-year change in estimated soil loss rate (tons/acre/year) across Fort Polk training lands (Main Post/Vernon Unit, Fort Polk-North)	No	No
2-2.1	Percent of potential RCW habitat acres (pine and pine-hardwood stands) for Fort Polk, Fort Polk-North, IUA and LUA that have been cruised for stand inventory within the 10-year entry cycle	No	No
2-2.2A	Percent of pine and pine-hardwood forest acres that have received prescribed fire treatment within the 3-year target burning cycle	No	No
2-3.2A	Percent of LPS HMU that has received prescribed fire in ≤ 3 years and ≤ 5 years	No	No



SEMP FY25 Monitoring Results

Recommended Root Cause Analyses of Red FY25 Annual Monitoring Results – Fort Polk/KNF Staff and Oversight Committee

Task #	Metrics with “Red” Results – FY25 Annual Results	RCA Recommended?	
		Staff	Cmte.
4-2.3	Percent of private land line miles in LUA maintained within 8 years and percent maintained within 10 years	No	No
5-2.3	Percent of approved SEMP monitoring tasks for which results were reported on schedule	No	No



SEMP FY25 Summary Reports



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SEMP FY25 Objective Averages for Quarterly and Annual Results

Objective Name	Average Performance Within Objective
Objective 1-1: Maneuver Damage Control Program	Green (1.00)
Objective 1-2: Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance	Amber (0.63)
Objective 1-3: Water Resource Protection / Stream Crossing and Sediment Basin Maintenance	Green (1.00)
Objective 2-1: Red-Cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) Population Recovery	Green (1.00)
Objective 2-2: Longleaf Pine Forest Management	Amber (0.38)
Objective 2-3: Louisiana Pine Snake Conservation	Green (0.71)
Objective 2-4: Bog Management	Green (1.00)
Objective 3-1: Integration of Master Planning, Engineering and Environmental Concerns (Sustainable Facility Site Selection and Development, Energy and Water Conservation)	Green (1.00)
Objective 3-2: Environmental Compliance for Fort Polk Construction Projects on KNF Lands	N/A
Objective 4-1: Hunting and Other Recreational Opportunities	Green (0.96)
Objective 4-2: Quality of Life for Installation Neighbors – Noise, Wildfires and Road Conditions	Green (0.95)
Objective 4-3: Limited Use Area Safety and Land Use Compatibility	Green (1.00)
Objective 5-1: Continuous Improvement (Joint Mitigation and Monitoring)	Green (1.00)
Objective 5-2: Continuous Improvement (Adaptive Management)	Green (0.75)

Green: The average performance within an objective is > 0.66.

Amber: The average performance within an objective is ≤ 0.66% and > 0.33.

Red: The average performance within an objective is ≤ 0.33.



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% Metrics with Green, Amber and Red Quarterly and Annual Results

Objective Name	Percent of Metrics*		
	% Green	% Amber	% Red
Objective 1-1: Maneuver Damage Control Program	100%	0%	0%
Objective 1-2: Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance	63%	0%	37%
Objective 1-3: Water Resource Protection / Stream Crossing and Sediment Basin Maintenance	100%	0%	0%
Objective 2-1: Red-Cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) Population Recovery	100%	0%	0%
Objective 2-2: Longleaf Pine Forest Management	25%	25%	50%
Objective 2-3: Louisiana Pine Snake Conservation	57%	29%	14%
Objective 2-4: Bog Management	100%	0%	0%
Objective 3-1: Integration of Master Planning, Engineering and Environmental Concerns (Sustainable Facility Site Selection and Development, Energy and Water Conservation)	100%	0%	0%
Objective 3-2: Environmental Compliance for Fort Polk Construction Projects on KNF Lands	N/A	N/A	N/A
Objective 4-1: Hunting and Other Recreational Opportunities	92%	8%	0%
Objective 4-2: Quality of Life for Installation Neighbors – Noise, Wildfires and Road Conditions	95%	0%	5%
Objective 4-3: Limited Use Area Safety and Land Use Compatibility	100%	0%	0%
Objective 5-1: Continuous Improvement (Joint Mitigation and Monitoring)	100%	0%	0%
Objective 5-2: Continuous Improvement (Adaptive Management)	75%	0%	25%
SEMP FY25 Total	88%	4%	8%

* Includes only those metrics with Green/Amber/Red performance criteria; metrics with “data only” observations not included in totals. Totals may differ from 100% due to rounding.



SEMP FY25 Summary Reports

FY25 Overall Performance Evaluation

- ✓ In FY25, Amber or Red monitoring results were reported in at least one quarter (for those metrics reported quarterly) for 12 of 77 tasks with performance targets (16%)
- ✓ Factors causing Amber and Red results include:
 - Changes in philosophy with respect to timber cruising and erosion monitoring;
 - Drought impacts on prescribed burning; and
 - Loss of landline corners due to loss or destruction of corner markers
- ✓ SEMP monitoring and evaluation continues to support the Installation mission and compliance with the Special Use Permit/Operating Plan, which authorizes military training use of portions of the KNF



SEMP FY26 Priorities / Next Steps



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SEMP FY26 Priorities / Next Steps

- ✓ Complete review of existing monitoring questions and metrics as part of the SUP/OP renewal process with an expectation of metric modifications and removals for concerns diminished by the results of management efforts over the past 20+ years of SEMP implementation

- ✓ Adoption of a biannual traditional SEMP Oversight Committee meeting schedule with the two remaining quarterly meetings devoted to KNF and Fort Polk leadership reviews of SEMP implementation and other relevant business

- ✓ SEMP document repository updates

